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Briefly

Diabetes class

A free "take charge of your diabetes" class will be held from 1 to 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, in the Wisconsin Room on the first floor of the West Wing at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, 2100 Madison Ave.

The class will include an overview of diabetes, symptoms, management, exercise, testing and complications, by a certified diabetes educator. A registered dietitian will present nutrition information on sweeteners, fiber, label reading and fast foods. A pharmacist will speak on insulin and oral medicine.

Diabetes is the leading cause of new blindness and the third leading cause of death by disease in this country. Space is limited, so registration is required, by calling 798-3201.

Public input

Public comments will be sought at a meeting at 7 p.m. Jan. 25 at the Illinois Department of Transportation office in Collinsville on upcoming Madison County highway projects, including construction of a four-lane highway connecting Interstate 270 with the Godfrey area. An article is on Page 5A.

Food sites

Distribution of free federal food commodities, now occurring every two months, is scheduled for four local sites on Wednesday morning. See Page 6A.

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Cage teams split with Alton

The Granite City boys basketball team traveled to Alton and lost 85-70 on Friday night, while the girls stayed at home and defeated their Southwestern Conference foes 66-41. The Warrior wrestling team, meanwhile, beat Parkway West 57-12 in dual-meet competition.

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25 years ago

Jan. 17, 1968

Twelve trucking companies filed motions to intervene as plaintiffs in a suit against the city of Madison seeking to recover \$168,444 in tolls they claim were illegally collected for the use of the old Chain of Rocks Bridge.

Complete network and cable listings

Look for the TV Entertainment book every Thursday in the Granite City Press-Record. For home delivery call 876-2000.

Voters may decide on city offices

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

If a proposed resolution is passed by the City Council on Tuesday night, voters will be able to decide whether to eliminate the elective positions of city treasurer and street superintendent.

The resolution, if passed by a simple majority of the council, would result in a referendum on the two offices on the April 20 ballot, City Attorney Mark Goldenberg said.

He said he prepared the resolution at the request of Alderman Dan Partney.

Goldenberg said that, in his opinion, the referendum regarding the treasurer would be binding.

The referendum on the street superintendent would be advisory, in Goldenberg's opinion, because the City Council has the authority to eliminate the position

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— Von Dee Cruse



at any time, he said.

Mayor Von Dee Cruse said that the resolution creates an opportunity for residents to have a voice in city government.

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against letting the people have a voice in their city government, regardless of how they feel about the issue personally," Cruse said.

One referendum would allow voters to decide if the treasurer's position, currently held by Gail Valle, should be eliminat-

ed.

Current employees of the treasurer's office be placed under the management of the appointed city comptroller.

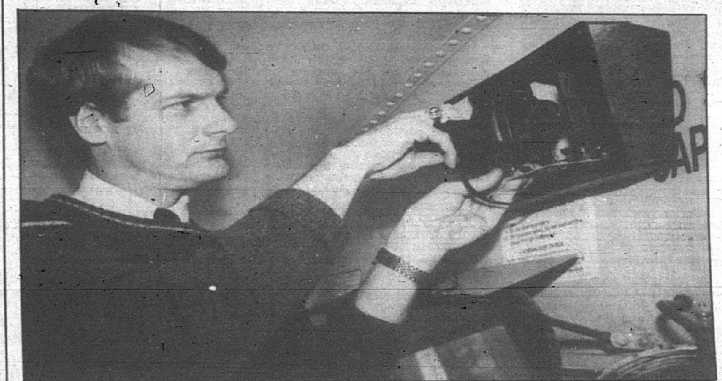
Partney and others have recently asked if the treasurer's position is necessary, or if the responsibilities merely duplicate work done in the comptroller's office.

While the comptroller must be a certified public accountant, and is appointed by and accountable to the mayor, the only real qualification the treasurer must possess is capturing the most votes.

The other referendum would call for the street superintendent's position, currently held by Clayton "Jug" Harrison, to be eliminated.

Responsibility for the street department would then fall upon the director of public works, an appointive position.

The superintendent is currently elected (See OFFICES, Page 12A)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
John Buxton, Mayflower facility manager in Granite City, shows a video camera being installed on a school bus. The camera will monitor activity on the bus.

Cooperation Community fighting perception of bias

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Slowly, a divided community appears to be coming together.

The Granite City School Board held a special meeting Thursday night to hear concerns from parents of students residing at the Charles Melvin Price U.S. Army Support Center.

The meeting was cordial, exemplifying a spirit of cooperation that has grown since about 30 students boycotted Granite City schools two months ago to protest what they perceived as racial harassment.

While some parents have withdrawn their students from the district and enrolled them in private schools, strides are being taken in the right direction, both sides agree.

An inter-racial coordinating committee has been established to address the concerns.

It is made up of 10 students, eight parents, representatives of three ministries, seven school officials and representatives of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the Army base.

School administrators are scheduled to attend sensitivity training along with Granite City police officers. If this proves to be effective, the entire school staff may be required to take similar classes.

"What we could do immediately, we have done immediately," (See BIAS, Page 12A)

Pension plan upsets city But Wolf says many here asked for it

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Granite City officials take exception to retirement legislation passed by the legislature Tuesday.

In a final show of his title as "pension czar," outgoing state Rep. Sam Wolf, D-Granite City, helped pass a comprehensive pension plan covering local teachers, state and local police, firefighters and university employees.

"Many of our Granite City teachers, firefighters and police contacted me and asked for this legislation. I am happy we were able to pass this for them," Wolf said.

Wolf, who retired from the legislature Tuesday, has announced his intention to run for mayor in April.

He said the plan offers early retirement for most of the groups and that it should save the state millions of dollars.

Teachers will use law, 3A

But Granite City officials said the money will have to be made up by local taxpayers.

Lawmakers estimated that the plan would cost municipalities an additional 1.65 percent of annual police payrolls, and 1.5 percent of fire department salaries.

Based on those figures, City Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart said the plan will cost the city an additional \$60,000 per year.

Mayor Von Dee Cruse said that the funds "will have to come from the taxpayers of Granite City, whether through the property tax, users' fees or whatever."



Wolf

He said the measure is "just another example of the state passing along mandates to our city, and we have absolutely nothing to say about it."

Cruse said that he would have no problem with the program if the state provided funding for it, or if the police and fire pensions were not already good programs.

"But when they sit up in Springfield and say, 'This is what you're going to pay,' I have a great problem with that. It would be different if there wasn't already a good pension program in place, but I don't know of any that are as good as or better than our municipal pension programs," Cruse said.

"With mandatory expenses increasing, and revenues declining, eventually there is going to be a city out there without enough money to pay retirement benefits," MacTaggart said.

"They can just shut down the (See PLAN, Page 12A)

King Day will close schools, many offices

The birthday of the late Dr. Martin Luther King will be observed with a march and special program today, in Venice and a day off from school and work for many tomorrow.

All area schools and all federal, state and county government offices will be closed Monday. But most Granite City municipal offices will be open and operating at their regular hours Monday.

The annual Venice-Madison Martin Luther King celebration will begin at 3 p.m. today with a march starting in the 1200 block of Market Street in Venice.

The march will end at the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church, 1349 Klein St., Venice.

Beginning at 4 p.m. at the church, there will be a special program featuring Venice Mayor Tyrone Echols, Madison Mayor John Bellorco and Granite City Mayor Von Dee Cruse.

Hamm heads slate in Madison

By Mike Myers
Staff writer

Madison mayoral candidate John Hamm has announced the formation of the Madison Community Team Party and its slate of candidates for the April 20 municipal election.

Hamm, a Madison alderman and Madison school board member, will be joined by candidates Tom Cromer for city clerk, Frank Dutko for city treasurer, Eleanor Armour for 1st Ward alderman, Lester E. White Sr. for 2nd Ward alderman, Michael Vrabec for 3rd Ward alderman and James "Ed" Newsome Sr. for 4th Ward alderman.



Hamm

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Disabled need more opportunities at jobs

By John J. Winkelman
Staff writer

The Americans with Disabilities Act's strides in improving accessibility may be only the beginning of its accomplishments.

Area agencies that deal with the disabled say time will tell whether the ADA's other goals can be met.

"I think (growth in employment opportunities) is yet to

come," said Leanne Harpole, a program coordinator for the Living Independently Now Center (LINC) in Belleville. "Talk to me in about four years."

LINC and IMPACT, an organization based in Alton, have staffs comprised of people with disabilities.

Dick Goodwin, executive director for IMPACT, said he expected the ADA's effect on employment opportunities to be slow.

"There is no quota system. Employers are going to have to start having success in hiring people with disabilities," Goodwin said.

"We can provide a list of people that are quality employees. We have plenty of our own success stories," Harpole said attitudes toward the disabled need to change before progress will be seen in employment opportunities for Americans with disabilities.

"Employers are beginning to take notice that people with disabilities are (See DISABLED, Page 2A)



(Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-HURD)
DARE grads — Matthew Yarbrough, left, admires Jeremy Yeager's medal during DARE graduation exercises Wednesday. More photos on Page 3A.

Disabled see many signs of gains in building accessibility

By John J. Winkelman
Staff writer

The Americans with Disabilities Act is having an effect on businesses and municipalities, large and small, but nowhere is its impact more recognized than by the people who live with disabilities every day.

Don McBride, of Edwardsville, a rehabilitation counselor with the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services in Granite City, said there have been improvements in accessibility.

Though some of the gains can be attributed to the ADA law, he said, other improvements are the result of people recognizing the needs of the disabled.

There has been a lot of improvement for the orthopedically handicapped, with ramps and curb cuts for wheelchairs. There are more improvements all the time. Things are getting better," McBride said.

Within the last 10 years, McBride, who is blind, said he was in a major hotel that did not have Braille or raised numbers indicating each floor.

"If I get on an elevator alone, I can't be sure if I'm getting off on the right floor," McBride said. "Many times in the past I would get off the elevator and have to find the door of a room to find raised or recessed numbers to know what floor I

was on."

He said it is an uneasy feeling, wondering if someone is sleeping in a room while you are feeling on their door for numbers.

"Blindness is a real thing to me. To you, it's an idea."

"I live it. You don't think about it much. You don't think about how would a person know he is getting off on the right floor."

"You and I walk, so it never crosses my mind when I go up steps. How would someone in a wheelchair get up there?" McBride said.

Leanne Harpole, a program coordinator with the Living Independently Now Center (LINC) in Belleville, said the ADA has improved LINC's ability to carry out its goals.

"Our philosophy is integration of people with disabilities into the community. ADA is a way to help integrate people into the community," she said.

LINC and IMPACT, an organization based in Alton, have staffs comprised of people with disabilities and they provide businesses with information and suggestions on how to comply with ADA.

"People with disabilities use telephone calls from employers wanting to know what they can do to make their jobs sites more accessible," Harpole said. "Once people are aware of the law, they are willing to do what they can to abide by it."

Harpole said businesses and employers may put off complying because of expected costs.

"That's the biggest fear. 'How much is this going to cost?'"

There are economical ways to comply.

In the instance of a tall water fountain, Harpole said, the owner who does not want the expense of replacing the fountain can install a cup rack so that those unable to stand up to the tall fountain can reach up and fill a cup with water.

"There are a lot of simple answers for what people think are complex problems. We will go out and suggest cheap, best ways to achieve compliance," Harpole said.

Dick Goodwin, executive director for IMPACT, said the majority of the organization's board of directors are people with disabilities and 15 of the 18 staff members have disabilities.

IMPACT, which was founded in September 1985, provides consulting services for municipal governments and local businesses, recommending ways to improve accessibility.

"We work very hard to promote an open and accessible community," Goodwin said.

In addition to governments and businesses, the organization is reaching out to schools and others who hold public events to make sure those events are accessible to all members of the community.

Police log

Granite City

Abuse warrant issued

Gary W. Husted, 21, of the 2700 block of Buxton Avenue, was arrested at 10:11 a.m. Jan. 8 on a warrant charging him with aggravated criminal sexual abuse.

Bond on the warrant is \$50,000. Husted is alleged to have forced a child under the age of 13 between August 1991 and August 1992, according to an information.

Man beaten, 2 charged

Charles H. Fischer, 21, of the 2400 block of Narnock Road, and Allen S. Hozian, 21, address unknown, were both arrested at 8:23 p.m. Jan. 7 and each charged with battery.

Both are alleged to have

punched and kicked James A. McClellan, 18, in an incident in the 2800 block of Marshall Avenue.

Both were lodged pending \$107 cash each.

2 charges, 5 warrants

Timothy J. Scarbrough, 29, of the 3100 block of West Chain of Rocks Road, was arrested at 2:51 a.m. Jan. 8 for disorderly conduct and obstructing a peace officer.

Officers dispatched to the 2200 block of Grand Avenue in reference to a man knocking on a door and looking in windows met with Scarbrough, who allegedly gave police a false name twice.

A computer check revealed that Scarbrough was wanted on outstanding warrants charging intimidation at 16 percent; court on five separate charges; possession of cannabis in Collinsville; illegal parking in St. Clair

County; driving under the influence of alcohol in Wood River; driving an uninsured vehicle in Madison; and driving while his license is revoked and with expired registration in Washington County.

Scarbrough was lodged pending \$1,539 cash bail.

Arrested at crossing

Rhonda Sue Wallace, 37, of the 2200 block of Miracle Avenue, was arrested at 2:18 a.m. Jan. 8 for driving under the influence of alcohol.

An officer reported finding Wallace asleep in her car in the middle of West Pontoon Road at the railroad tracks.

Wallace took three field sobriety tests, declined to take a breath analysis test and was charged.

Bias cited in most 'hate crimes'

Sixty percent of all hate crimes committed in this county in 1991 were motivated by racial bias, according to statistics released last week by William S. Sessions, director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

The data were the first available from the FBI's statistical program on hate crimes. The program was initiated in response to the Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990.

"While these initial data are limited, they give us our first assessment of the nature of crimes motivated by bias in our society," Sessions said in a press release.

Law enforcement agencies in 32 states participated in the program. Hate-crime occurrences were recorded by 27 percent of the 2,771 participating agencies; the remainder reported no such offenses that came to their

attention.

Hate-crime incidents totaling 4,558, involving 4,755 offenses, were reported in 1991.

Among the offenses measured, intimidation was the most frequently reported crime, accounting for 33 percent of all the offenses.

Following were destruction, damage and vandalism of property at 27 percent; simple assault at 16 percent; and robbery, 3 percent, according to the report.

The remaining offense types — murder, forcible rape, burglary, larceny/theft, motor vehicle theft and arson — each accounted for 1 percent or less of the total.

The various biases that motivated the criminal activities included race (69 percent), religious bias (20 percent) and

ethnic and sexual orientation bias, 10 percent each.

Among the specific bias types, anti-black offenses accounted for 36 percent of the total, anti-white for 19 percent, and anti-Jewish for 17 percent.

Information regarding those committing the crimes was unknown for 43 percent of the offenses.

Considering incidents where the suspected race of the offender was reported, 65 percent of the hate crimes were committed by whites, 30 percent by blacks, and 2 percent by persons of other races. The remaining incidents were committed by groups of offenders not all of the same race.

A more comprehensive report is planned for release in the spring, the report states.

Disabled

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human beings like anyone else," Harpole said. But, too often, "they see a person who is disabled and they are never willing to give them a try."

Improvement in accessibility is the first step to improved job opportunities, said Don McBride, a rehabilitation instructor for the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services in Granite City.

"It makes it possible to get to work," he said.

The ADA "has had an effect and will have a greater one in the future. An employer can no longer blanketly say, 'I'm not going to interview you because you are blind or in a wheelchair,'" McBride said.

Those things did happen in the past, he said.

While attending college, he said, he wanted to change his major to secondary education,

but the department head told him he would not be accepted because he was blind.

McBride said that, because "in my younger days I was a more aggressive person and a bit of a hell-raiser," he convinced the department head to accept him.

"I said, 'I'm a taxpaying citizen and this is a state institution and you can't keep me out.' Today, because of the ADA, they would have been begging me to get in."

"If they didn't, they know I'd have an ADA lawyer there in a minute," McBride said.

McBride, 36, said he could not be critical of how long it took for improvements required by the ADA to be implemented.

"I'm getting to be an old coddler. I was young enough to know when the disabled did not have much. It seems to have come a long way, but it should have come a long way," he said.

McBride has bachelor's and master's degrees, and has worked

to put two children through college.

The U.S.A. made this possible. They educated me with tax dollars. I learned a trade and worked my way through college," McBride said.

"A major part has been your acceptance, and giving me an opportunity. There is no better place than where we are now. (The disabled) have an awful lot."

The achievements of ADA are long overdue in many parts of the United States, Goodwin said.

"It has been a long time coming, but it is a very reasonable law," Goodwin said.

There are other areas where the law could do more, he said.

"It has no impact on health insurance, and health insurance has a big impact on a disabled person," McBride said.

"An employer may hire you, but you may not qualify for the health insurance," he said.

Hamm

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Vrabec is an incumbent alderman.

Dutko is a former Madison County Board member from the Madison area and a former Madison police chief.

Armour and Cromer are employed by the Madison School District. Newmans is currently president of the Madison School Board.

White is a former commander of the Madison Veterans of Foreign War post.

Other announced candidates in the mayoral race include incumbent Mayor John Bellcoff, who is expected to also field a slate of candidates, and former Madison

police officer Tom Voloski.

In a written pledge to the community of Madison released Friday, the Community Team Party said it will give the residents:

- An administration open and responsible to all citizens.
- Maintenance of city services at current levels.
- Aggressively recruit new business and industry to the city.

- Fiscal efficiency and responsibility in the management of all city departments.
- Encourage and seek the participation of citizens in program development.
- Real assistance for senior citizens.
- Increased responsibility of absentee landlords.
- Emphasis on programs for

the children and youth of the community.

- Create a citywide partnership program to declare war on drugs.
- Bring back pride (in the community).

The Community Team Party also announced had sought, and received, the endorsement and pledge of mutual support from Venice Township Supervisor Richard "Poppy" Anderson, Venice Township Collector Casey Krakowicz and Township Trustees "Cadillac" John Piechocinski and Joe Asperger.

Psychiatrist: Smoking not addiction

By Bonita Tillman
Staff writer

A St. Louis psychiatrist said cigarette smoking is a habit, not an addiction, and that Charles Kuiper was a habitual smoker who chose to smoke.

Kuiper, a 51-year-old Cahokia man, is suing R.J. Reynolds Inc. and the Tobacco Institute because he got lung cancer. He also is suing Reese Drug Stores in Cahokia because he often bought cigarettes there.

"The consequences of his choice to smoke has caused him to incur health problems," said Dr. C. Robert Cloninger, a psychiatrist at Washington University.

"He is, by no stretch of the imagination, an addict," Cloninger, who consulted with the World Health Organization in its 1962 determination of the difference between an addiction and a habit, outlined that agency's findings.

An addict has an overpowering desire and need to take a drug, a tendency to increase the dose, a psychological and physical dependence on the drug and his use causes a detrimental effect on the individual and society.

"People will have withdrawal symptoms if they stop and the body will have serious problems

letting go," he said.

In addition, the effect is widespread because the addicted person will steal for money to buy cigarettes, "you feel good," little tendency to increase the dose, and some degree of psychological withdrawal symptoms," said Cloninger, testifying on behalf of R.J. Reynolds. "A smoker can quit."

However, he said people with chemical habits have a desire to continue taking the drug because it makes you feel good.

"The trial, which has been publicized nationally since it began in November, says that people usually stabilize on the number they smoke and there's no physical withdrawal symptoms," said Cloninger, testifying on behalf of R.J. Reynolds. "A smoker can quit."

virtual, not society, he added.

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Judge warns Cook against antics

Circuit Judge James K. Donovan threatened Wednesday to impose sanctions on attorneys who act out their emotions before the jury hearing a civil case against R.J. Reynolds Inc. and the Tobacco Institute.

Donovan's comments followed a variety of courtroom antics by Belleville attorney Bruce Cook who represents Charles Kuiper, the 51-year-old Cahokia man suing the companies because he has lung cancer.

Cook and other attorneys in the case were standing before Donovan to debate a motion when Cook turned and threw his ink pen to the floor in anger. The jury was seated in the courtroom at the time.

Donovan immediately called a lunch break.

"The conduct of lawyers is my responsibility and I carry that on outside your presence so I don't prejudice anyone in the case," he told jurors later.

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Early retirements likely for many local teachers

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Public school teachers would be able to retire with full pensions at age 55 instead of 60 under legislation sent to Gov. Jim Edgar at the close of the 87th General Assembly.

About 200 Granite City School District employees would qualify for the program, and school officials have estimated that the measure could save the local district between \$1,000,000 and \$2,000,000 over the next 10 years, depending on the level of participation.

Public university faculty members will not get early retirement under the bill, but those between 55 and 60 will get an incentive to quit.

The measure was the last bill to be passed by the outgoing legislature, clearing the House 108-1 and the Senate 37-8.

The legislation was passed after seven hours of negotiations Monday between county pension changes, legislative leaders and Edgar's staff. Edgar aides indicated the governor is expected to sign the bill.

Teachers' unions and administrators supported the measure. Districts are expected to be able to save about \$14 million statewide in annual payroll by replacing retiring high-paid teachers with lower-paid entry-level teachers.

In the Granite City District, about 200 veteran teachers are expected to be eligible for the plan. Director of Finance Norm Owca said he will recommend that the School Board allow only 30 percent of those eligible (60 teachers and administrators) to take advantage of the plan in the first year.

That way, we can see what the savings will be (for the district) and adjust accordingly next year," Owca said.

Under the plan, teachers may "buy" up to five years of service credit and five years of age enhancement by contributing the equivalent of 4 percent of salary for each year purchased.

The district would be required to contribute the equivalent of 20 percent per participating employee per year.

Teachers must exercise the early retirement option either this summer or the summer of 1994.

Those retiring this year must notify the district by Feb. 28, Owca said, and those who choose to retire in 1994 must notify the district by Feb. 28 of that year.

On the basis of that, if all 200 eligible employees participated at one time, the district could have difficulty in the timely selection of replacements.

"This way provides for an orderly transition and we will know exactly what the cost and savings will be," he said.

While the short-term benefits appear to be favorable, one lawmaker said that districts will eventually have to pay more.

"The great thing about passing these bills is we don't have to pay for it. Our kids will have to pay for it," Sen. Carl Schuman of Prophetstown said.

He noted estimates that the early retirements would also boost the unfunded liability of the Teachers Retirement System by an additional \$140 million.

State Comptroller Dawn Clark Niesch warned Monday that the state pension systems continue to be dangerously underfunded.

University faculty will not be able to retire earlier than age 55, but if they leave their jobs before age 60, the extra 7 percent employee contribution now required will be dropped for one year and paid by the university instead.

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville Vice President for Administration Ben Quillian said he was concerned about the possible cost to the university.

Quillian said he didn't have an exact number but said numerous faculty members are in the age group that potentially could use the benefit.

— From the Alton Telegraph.
(Some information for this story was provided by Journal Staff Writer Rob Slate.)

County seeking concessions in negotiations with union

Four months after 20 Madison County appointees received raises as high as 12 percent, county negotiators are asking about 400 union members for concessions.

The workers are represented by the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees.

County negotiators have requested a number of concessions from AFSCME workers, including unpaid lunches, the elimination of the general election holiday, and an increase in the probationary period for new employees, according to a copy of the proposal.

The county is also proposing annual raises averaging about 2.5 percent over the next three years while union leaders are calling for 4 percent annually.

County Administrator Jim Monday, who is handling most of the bargaining for the county, declined to comment. Contract talks with Local 799 began in the fall.

Local 799 President Jim Goodall declined to talk about negotiations, citing an agreement with county officials not to reveal details until after the talks.

Local 799 represents about 400 workers in almost every depart-

ment of county government. Union officials are negotiating a new, three-year contract.

In September, pay hikes ranging from 1 percent to 12 percent were approved for 17 department heads and the three-member Board of Review.

One month later, however, the County Board narrowly rejected similar hikes for five elected officials. The officials had to settle for 3 percent raises instead of promised pay hikes of 9 percent and 10 percent.

After the second vote, several board members said county workers would be limited to similar increases this year, and negotiators appear to be following through on that stand.

Under the county proposal, a five-page document dated Dec. 22, AFSCME workers would no longer get paid lunch hours and would have to give up the general election holiday.

The proposal also called for cutting the number of sick days for full-time employees from 16 a year to no more than 13.

County officials also want to extend the probationary period for new full-time workers from 90 days to 120 days.

Union officials appear to be

opposed to most of the requested concessions, the document showed.

In recent months, Local 799 leaders have complained that AFSCME workers are at the bottom of the pay ladder and said they intended to change that with the new contract.

County negotiators, however, appear to be proposing raises slightly smaller than those awarded members of Operating Engineers Local 520 in their last contract. Local 520 represents deputies and jailers in the Sheriff's Department.

AFSCME workers would receive a 2 percent pay hike in the first year and 3 percent raises each of the next two years under the county proposal. The first raise would be retroactive to Dec. 1, 1992.

Operating Engineers members received 45 cents more per hour in November 1991 and 35 cents an hour more last fall. For most deputies, the first raise was a 3.3 percent increase; the second was a 2.6 percent hike.

Meetings between county and AFSCME leaders were continuing.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Ailing Vadalabene sworn in at home

Sen. Sam Vadalabene could not make it to Springfield for the oath of office for his new term, so the oath came to Senator.

The Edwardsville Democrat took the oath of office for a two-year term at his home Wednesday about 40 minutes after the other 58 members of the Illinois Senate were sworn in at Springfield.

Although health problems have kept the 26-year legislative veteran at home since July, Vadalabene said Wednesday he has no intention of giving up his post.

"No way. The people elected me for a two-year term and I'm going to stick around."

"They're not doing anything up there anyway now."

Vadalabene said in a telephone interview. The bulk of each year's legislative deliberations

takes place in the spring months.

Madison County Chief Circuit Judge Paul Riley administered the official oath of office at the senator's home.

The other senators were sworn in at a Senate chamber ceremony presided over by Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice Ben Miller.

Wednesday was the second time Vadalabene has taken the oath in his home for health reasons. In January 1987, Vadalabene was sworn in at home while recuperating from multiple bypass heart surgery.

Vadalabene said he had earlier hoped to go to Springfield Wednesday but "the doctor gave me orders not to go up there."

He said the need for kidney dialysis and his balance problems were the main factors.

"If I could walk, he (the

doctor) would have considered allowing me to come there. But I don't have any balance. The doctor didn't want me to risk it with that crowd."

The brief ceremony was held in Vadalabene's basement office and was attended by about 10 relatives and friends, who then toasted the veteran lawmaker as he sat in a wheelchair.

Despite health problems, Vadalabene said his office was still "handling our telephone calls and responding to constituent problems."

Madison County Democratic Chairman John Belkoff, the

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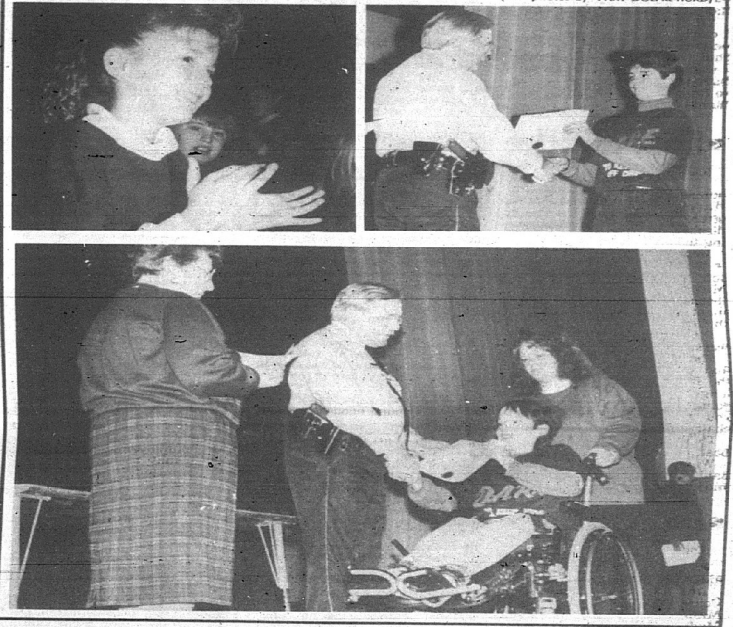
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Graduation — A total of 301 sixth-grade students from Frohardt, Lake, Marshall, Maryville and Parkway schools graduated from Granite City's Drug Abuse Resistance Education program Wednesday at the Granite City High School auditorium. Above, students listen to essay winners read their essays. In middle left photo, Natasha Howell applauds friends as they graduate from the DARE program. In middle right photo, Officer Walter Milton Jr. presents Timi Lindsey with her certificate. In bottom photo, from left, Lake School Principal Helen Schmissor and DARE Officer Walter Milton Jr. present Gareth Wilson with his certificate; with Wilson is teacher's aide Susan Wood.



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Opinion

4A—Granite City Sunday Home Journal—January 17, 1993



Don't pit young against old in a battle for benefits

(By Sen. Paul Simon, D-Ill.)

One of the least helpful political efforts is being made by a few who are trying to pit one generation against another, specifically the old against the young.

Here is their argument: In 1968, 30 percent of those over the age of 65 lived below the poverty level and now that figure is down to approximately 12.5 percent. In that same period, the number of persons under 18 living in poverty increased from 15 percent to approximately 20 percent.

Their conclusion: We'll have to take from older Americans to give to younger Americans.

That one out of five young Americans lives in poverty should be a matter of national shame. That is not true in Japan or Germany or France or Great Britain or any number of countries that could be named.

Our failure to address the investment we should make in

our human resources has created this tragedy.

But that should not cause us to make the giant illogical leap that some suggest, taking away benefits from older Americans.

Yes, the programs for older Americans—primarily Social Security retirement—generally have worked.

There are still some major holes in this safety net for seniors. But thanks to the vision and compassion and common sense of people who were lawmakers before I arrived on the Washington scene, generally, older Americans are living better than they once did.

Of that we should be proud.

The answer to the problem of young Americans living in poverty is to address the causes of that poverty, not to diminish a sound program we have for seniors.

Despite all the rumors to the contrary, the Social Security retirement system is basically sound—if we assume that Con-

gress and the new president will address the deficit problem. That deficit remains the one huge gray storm cloud over the Social Security system.

But seniors continue to have major problems with long-term care, cost of prescriptions, cost of dentures and other needs that have yet to be seriously addressed.

And even for those without these special needs, living above the poverty level does not mean living on Easy Street.

What should be done to lift children out of poverty? That takes more space than I have in this column, but it includes:

A jobs program, similar to the old WPA, instead of the present welfare program for those out of work more than five weeks.

Pay would be the minimum wage, for four days a week, or \$535 a month. Not much, but better than the average Illinois family on welfare gets, \$367 a month and Illinois pays much more than many states.

We should pay people for being productive, not for being non-productive.

A health-care program that covers all Americans.

More investment and more attention to education, including education for single parents who cannot read and write, or who have no marketable skills.

And education for children, particularly in disadvantaged areas, must start earlier.

That's a good beginning. Will this cost money? Yes, it will. But not doing it will cost even more money in the long term.

We have to do more long-term thinking.

Combine these programs with a realistic fiscal policy that starts chopping away at the huge deficit, and America will be on the road to economic recovery and leadership.

But we don't need to follow the deceptive appeals of those who try to pit one generation of Americans against another.

Public safety requires that county juvenile detention home be improved

TO THE EDITOR:

Madison County officials have built a \$17 million administration building without taxpayer approval and far over budget. They are spending another \$5 million plus on renovation of the courthouse. Citizens question if all this was necessary.

The county has an \$11 million surplus. The officials say that none of this money can be used to help fund a new detention home or remodel the existing one.

The state has cited the county on bringing the home up to current standards. Remodeling has been estimated at \$1.5 million. A new facility could cost nearly \$3 million.

The committee appointed to oversee this hasn't met once in more than 22 months. All of a

sudden, the county wants taxpayer approval in April to raise taxes to pay for detention home improvements.

Bob Stille says, "I think we have a greater need for a nursing home than a detention home, because of the obligation to these people who have paid taxes all their lives." What about the obligation to maintain safety and security in our communities?

The detention home holds an average of 16 violent juvenile offenders from this county.

There seems to be no other place to send these offenders because all the detention centers in the state are overcrowded. Even if there was, it could cost \$150 a day per juvenile, plus transportation expenses.

Where will these violent

offenders go? Back home, most likely, to await trial.

I'd like to see my tax dollars go toward the safety of knowing these criminals are held in secure institutions, not frolicking about in the community.

It's high time Madison County officials think about these issues rather than building shrines to

themselves.

The taxpayers deserve responsible leadership when it comes to how their money is spent.

Safety in our community should be a priority. If that means building or renovating the detention home, so be it.

WALTER RAISNER
Glen Carbon

Against eliminating treasurer office

TO THE EDITOR:

I am writing this letter in response to the article in the *Sunday Home Journal* Dec. 20 concerning going away with the elected office of city treasurer.

As a private citizen and a candidate for the office of mayor of Granite City, I would like to make clear that I am now, and shall be in the future, apposed to any elimination of elected positions without an opportunity for the general public to express their desires by referendum vote.

I am especially opposed to the elimination of the elected city treasurer's office for several reasons.

I do not believe it is in the best interest of our city or the citizens of the city to place sole authority and power into the hands of one individual. It would serve little more than changing the elected office of mayor to that of Pharaoh.

Second, it takes away from the people of the city their right to vote for whom they would prefer to handle their money.

Third, I am apposed because this plan or idea does not make good economic sense. Elected officials of our city are paid far less salary than appointed officials.

I believe you will find there is approximately \$8,000 or \$9,000 difference between the salary of the elected treasurer and the salary of the appointed comptroller.

Also, the salaries of the staff in the treasurer's office are far less than those in the comptroller's office.

It is interesting to note that the appointed comptroller's office has an expense account six times greater than that of our elected treasurer's office. Furthermore, we have in our budget monies appropriated for the purpose of auditing, which I feel serves as a safeguard to the citizens.

If, indeed, the city has need of a certified public accountant for the purpose of bookkeeping, then it seems to me it would be an even greater saving than the \$50,000 mentioned by Alderman Partney for the city to utilize the services of an accounting firm.

This could possibly save our city's taxpayers \$150,000 to \$200,000 annually.

Mr. Partney also made mention of the elected office of the superintendent of streets and the appointed office of director of public works.

The office of superintendent of streets, although consisting of greater responsibilities and duties, is the lowest paid salary of all full-time elected positions.

On the other hand, the appointed director of public works is the highest salary, including the mayor. I do not believe the city at present has need of a director of public works, at least in the form in which it now exists.

The money appropriated for this office could be better utilized and of greater benefit to the citizens by increasing the number of employees in the Street Department, Police Department, Fire Department and Ambulance Service.

I believe that, with the right kind of leadership, our city can progress without additional taxes or charges for services.

I would encourage citizens of Granite City to thoroughly question and demand answers of all candidates for public office and to register and vote in the April 20 election.

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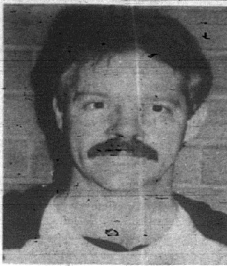
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Do you think more or less should be included in the Presidential inauguration?

By T.W. MILLER



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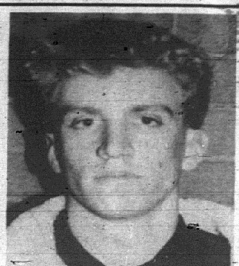
Lisa Coffelt, Granite City
"More to educate the public to see what they want from their president."



Kathy Rowane, Granite City
"I think there should be more speeches and less balls, to hear what they have to say and what they plan to do."



Amy Duffield, Granite City
"More speeches that get to the point."



Brian Reed, Granite City
"I think it should be left the way it is; it's tradition."

New funds for rape counseling program

By Nicole Vaughn
Staff writer

A new state law that took effect Jan. 1 will bring welcome assistance to the Rapid Sexual Abuse Care Center Southwestern Illinois University at Edwardsville.

The legislation imposes an additional \$100 fine on those convicted of most sex crimes. The money will benefit profit counseling services for victims of sexual assault, like the SIUE center.

"I think it will be interesting to see how it's divided," said Rebecca Carr, director of the

SIUE center. "It certainly will be a boost, whatever comes in."

Carr said the center, which employs seven full-time and three part-time counselors, works with an estimated 400 to 700 victims each year.

Because of the number of requests and the limited number of counselors, many victims are not seen as much as they might like to be, Carr said.

"The numbers vary from year to year, but 10 of us isn't much when you look at the numbers we're dealing with," Carr said.

The center receives funding from federal, state and local sources as well as from private

contributions.

The bulk of its funding comes from federal money provided by the Illinois Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

Carr said the center already receives about \$21,000 from the Illinois Attorney General's Office in restitution from criminal cases.

While she appreciates that funding, Carr said it is "very necessary" to the center's operation.

She said the promise of additional funding couldn't have come at a better time. State statistics released Jan. 11 show that Madison County had a 10-percent

increase in sexual assault cases in 1991 over those reported in 1990, Carr added.

There were more than 100 sexual assault cases in the county in 1990, Carr added.

Depending on the amount of money received through the new legislation, Carr said either additional staff or educational programs may benefit.

"I'd really like to see some prevention education," Carr said. "Things that could go out into the public, letting them know their rights as crime victims and mostly to try to prevent the victimization."

Gardening class offered at SIUE

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville will offer a non-credit course this winter in gardening.

Sponsored by the Office of Continuing Education, the class will include soil preparation, insect and disease control, perennials and other plants that do well in this area, composting and organic gardening.

The class will be taught Saturdays from 1 to 3:30 p.m., beginning Jan. 23 and continuing through Feb. 20. The class will be in the Peck Building, Room 0303. Registration is \$35.

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Public input sought on county highway plans

A proposal for federal highway money will keep the motor running on Madison County road projects but the public must tune up the plan.

The East-West Gateway Coordinating Council is seeking public comments on its \$56 million proposal for federal transportation improvements program funds for the St. Louis area. The TIP proposal includes \$91.4 million for new and continuing Madison County projects.

Council communications manager Brian Flinchbaugh said the three-year proposal will be completed after a series of public meetings.

The TIP funds are nothing

new," Flinchbaugh said. "What's new is federal law which changed procedures for putting proposals together."

Flinchbaugh said a 1991 federal law requires public meetings before road projects can receive federal funds.

"The new laws give local and state governments more of a say," Flinchbaugh said. "The public is also given more of a say."

The Illinois public meeting is set for 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 25, at the Illinois Department of Transportation offices at 1100 Eastport Plaza Drive in Collinsville.

The Madison County proposal calls for more than \$45 million in

TIP funds for construction of the Alton Bypass, a four-lane highway project between Interstate 270 near Edwardsville and U.S. Route 67 in Godfrey.

Other proposed allotments include \$724,000 for the U.S. Route 67/Illinois Route 287 interchange and \$12.2 million for widening and reconstruction of the Old Alton-Edwardsville Road from Illinois Route 111 to Illinois Route 143.

Smaller projects include bridge and intersection improvements across the county, Flinchbaugh said.

Flinchbaugh said the council will draft a final proposal at its meeting Jan. 27, after comments from the Illinois and Missouri meetings are considered. Forms will then be sent to the federal Department of Transportation.

The funds will be used from Oct. 1, 1993 to Sept. 30, 1995. The council will also accept written comments from the public. Letters should be sent in care of Les Sterman, Executive Director, East-West Gateway Coordinating Council, 911 Washington Ave., St. Louis, MO 63101.

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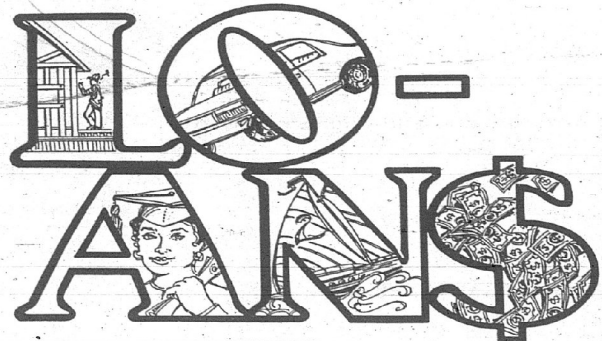
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Legislators criticize tax checkoff program

SPRINGFIELD — Some legislators are questioning if there were too many checkoffs for charities on state income tax forms.

Six of the 10 charitable funds failed to garner enough support to be included on this year's form.

By checking the appropriate box on their tax forms, Illinoisans can donate \$1 or more to any listed fund they choose. The money is deducted from the donor's tax refund or added to the tax bill.

To maintain its listing on the state tax forms, a fund must receive at least \$10,000 in donations each year. Department of Revenue spokesman Mike Klemons said.

Funds that failed to attract that amount and were removed from the tax forms this year included the Ryan White AIDS Victims Assistance Fund, the Young Drug Abuse Prevention Fund, the U.S. Olympians Assistance Fund, the American Technology for Persons with Disabilities Fund and the Persian Gulf Conflict Veterans Fund.

House Minority Leader Tom Ryder, R-Jerseyville, said the number of funds on the form probably had something to do with the lack of support for some.

Ryder added that many people may have skipped the section altogether because of the size of the list.

"They have to have a limited number so people can find them," Ryder said. "I thought that there would be too many on there last year."

Cindy Huebner, a spokeswoman for Sen. Sam Vadia, D-Edwardsville, noted that while support for Gulf War veterans was strong during the fighting, the veterans fund just couldn't compete with other causes.

The Gulf War fund attracted only \$15,992 from the checkoff program, far short of what would have been needed to fund \$100 grants for all Illinois veterans of the Gulf War.

"There were many other alter-

natives," Huebner said. "It was probably difficult, with nine other checkoffs, to get \$100,000."

As a result of the shortfall, veterans of Operation Desert Storm face a long wait if there are to be \$100 state grants.

About 1,300 veterans have applied for the grants so far, at a potential cost of \$130,000, according to Vickey Campbell, spokesperson for the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs.

Campbell said the department will ask the General Assembly to transfer about \$67,000 of its budget to the Persian Gulf fund.

She said the money, earmarked for grants to veterans of World War II, Korea and Vietnam, can be transferred because requests for these grants are on the decline.

Campbell said grants will be paid off as funds become available. Gulf War veterans reacted mildly to the lack of funding.

Air Force Reservist Susan Purcell of Alton said the war was probably over and forgotten by most residents who they filled out their tax forms last year.

The shortage doesn't bother her. "I don't really think that's something that the taxpayers should have to do," she said.

The four funds still on the tax forms are the Child Abuse Prevention Fund, Homeless Assistance Fund, Non-Game Wildlife Conservation Fund and the Alzheimer's Disease Research Fund.

A fund added this year is the Literacy Advancement Fund, which is administered by the Secretary of State's Office. The money will be used to identify families in need of help and to encourage them to read together, according to Kim St. Aubin, spokeswoman for the secretary of state.

"Family literacy is different from other literacy programs because it focuses on teaching parents and children to read together," she said.

— From the Alton Telegraph

Pet ID tattoos offered

Because of recent dog thefts in the Metro East area, the Madison County Humane Society will hold a pet tattoo clinic from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at Precious Pets Grooming in Worden.

Tattooing provides pets with permanent identification. All dogs will be registered with the National Dog Registry.

The cost of the registration is a one-time fee of \$38 and \$5 for each dog tattooed. Appointments are recommended.

For more information, persons may call Sheri Harper at 797-2192.



SILEC awards banquet set for Wednesday

The Southwestern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission and the Southern Illinois Police Chiefs Association directors will co-host an annual awards banquet on Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Panorama Bowling Lanes, 200 S. Bell West, Belleville, from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

The awards ceremony will begin at 7:45 p.m. The banquet will feature the Southern Illinois Law Enforcement Commission "John O. Ellis Medal of Valor Award," to be presented to Carlo Clark, a Belleville Township High School senior student, saved the life of an elderly Belleville resident on Aug. 29, 1992, placing himself in extreme

harm's way by entering the burning apartment of the victim and rescuing her. Sheriff Mearl Justus of St. Clair County nominated Clark. "This act of heroism goes way beyond the call of a citizen's duty to another. And for a young man who is only 16 years old, this is truly amazing," Justus said.

A new award category also will be implemented at the banquet. It is the SILEC/SIPCA "Blue Light Award."

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Food distributions set for 4 sites in area on Wednesday

Free federal food distributions will be held at four Quad City area sites on Wednesday, Jan. 20.

Chouteau Township officials and senior citizens will be giving out surplus government commodities at the Chouteau Township Social Center, located at 906 North Thorngate Drive in Mitchell. The commodities will be distributed at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Commodities will be distributed Wednesday by Venice Township at Engelbert Hall, 10th Street and Washington Avenue, Madison, starting at 8 a.m.

Food will be given Wednesday at the Nameoki Township Hall, 4250 Highway 162, beginning at 7:30 a.m., for Nameoki Township residents and at the Salvation Army, 3007 E. 23rd St., beginning at 8 a.m. for Granite City residents.

All will be distributing cornmeal, butter, flour, peanut butter, pork, green beans, rice, orange juice and applesauce.

All products will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis. To be eligible to receive commodities, the recipient must be a resident of the township; be the head of the household or spouse; have verification of residency; have identification; and sign an affidavit that their total household income is within the following guidelines:

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Record corn crop in '92 in Madison County

Madison County farmer Bob Gvillo's grain bins are bulging with a bumper corn crop. "It's the best corn ever, just phenomenal," said Gvillo, who with his family operates a farm north of Fosterburg.

Area farmers have tallied their final corn yields and hit a record 150 bushels an acre. "That's 14 bushels more than the record 136 bushels set in 1985," said Ray Gvillo, manager of the Madison County Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service.

Across Madison County, corn production soared higher than predicted in October, he said. "Some fields yielded a whopping 200

bushels an acre." Heavy rain in July and cool August nights spurred the corn growth, Gvillo said.

A June dry spell nearly spelled doom for the corn crop, Gvillo said. "Farmers were worried that the corn would burn up in the dry soil," he said.

But thunderstorms rolled through on July 3, pouring nearly four inches of rain on the dry corn.

"The rain was a godsend," Gvillo said. "It saved the corn and gave it a big shot of growth at pollination time."

Across the state, farmers harvested 1.64

billion bushels of corn, topping the old record of 1.53 billion bushels in 1965, said Mark Linstedt of the Illinois Agriculture Statistics Service.

"It breaks down to 149 bushels an acre, wiping out the state record of 135 bushels per acre in 1985," Linstedt said.

Corn yields soared but farmers are seeing lower prices at the markets.

Grain buyers were paying \$2.05 a bushel for corn Wednesday, compared with \$2.25 a bushel in January 1992, said Bill Sackett, operator of Overbeck Feed Co. of Highland.

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Miss Madison County Fair Jennifer Robinson, right, with Brenda and Jim Edgar.

County fair queen in state competition

The first Miss Madison County Fair queen in 14 years, Jennifer Robinson of Collinsville, is competing with 72 other county fair queens for the title of Miss Illinois County Fair 1993 in Springfield this weekend.

The competition consists of personal interviews, swimsuit, evening gown and speech. A top 10 will be named on Monday evening, with a queen and two runners-up then being chosen.

The new Miss Illinois County Fair will be the official hostess of the 1993 Illinois State Fair and the 1993 DuQuoin State Fair and will travel throughout the state, visiting other county fairs to promote agriculture and the county fair system.

Each of the top 10 will receive gifts, with the new queen receiving a \$1,000 scholarship and a \$500 savings bond.

Robinson, 20, competed in July for the title of Miss Madison County Fair 1992. During her reign, she has visited various county fairs and participated in numerous parades.

She is currently a junior at Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, majoring in elementary education.

In August, Robinson was a guest at County Fair Day during the Illinois State Fair, where she had the opportunity to meet Gov. Jim Edgar and his wife, Brenda.

Edgar will be on hand to crown the new Miss Illinois County Fair queen on Monday.

Haine seeking backing on corporate tax plan

Madison County State's Attorney William Haine is trying to round up support for his plan to fight corporate tax protests.

Haine attended Alton's city Finance Committee meeting Monday to round up support for his plan.

The plan calls for the county to pay private lawyers to fight corporate tax protests with money from the Tax Protest Fund.

A small portion of every paid property tax bill in the county goes into the fund to cover potential tax reimbursements for successful protesters.

Haine said the County Board should not be asked to foot the entire bill for legal battles that benefit other taxing bodies.

"The County Board has no obligation to this fund and I don't see how I could go to them to ask for money to pay the legal fees for other taxing bodies," Haine said.

He said he will seek a judge's approval for the plan after getting support from most taxing districts.

Haine said he wants to pay five attorneys specializing in tax issues to fight tax protests in court. He has said he doesn't know how much it would cost.

About \$8.3 million of the total \$270 million paid in property taxes in Madison County last year is being protested.

"The protesters claim the tax rates were set improperly, including being needlessly high, or that the taxing body has too large a reserve."

The county often settles cases out of court for 50 to 75 cents on the dollar, Haine said.

"I don't think that is the way to handle these matters. I want these matters heard by a judge and let him decide if the taxing bodies are levying the taxes correctly," Haine said.

The protest fund is made up of 0.5 percent of all property tax bills paid in Madison County. After three years, any remaining money is disbursed to the taxing bodies.

Haine said he would consider adding a built-in court review to the plan after three years. "That may actually help convince communities who are not sure of the idea," Haine said.

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Pet official named head of Arts Council 1993 campaign

Miles L. Marsh, chairman and CEO of Pet, Inc., was named chairman of the Arts and Education Council's 1993 campaign.

A&E's 10th annual campaign to raise funds for arts and cultural organizations kicks off Jan. 25 with the second annual St. Louis Arts Awards, and runs through May 31.

Marsh set a goal of \$2.5 million for the campaign.

"Over the past 30 years, A&E has raised close to \$50 million," said Pat Rich, A&E president.

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SMALL BUSINESS OF THE MONTH

Tri-Cities Area
Chamber of Commerce

At the presentation of the Small Business of the Month award, from left to right in the front row, are R. C. Bush, executive vice president of the Tri-Cities Area Chamber of Commerce; Jeanne Weidner, Madison city controller; Madison Mayor John Bellcoff; Bill Schermer, Gail Schermer and Leo Schermer, co-owners; Al Barnes of Rapid Lube; and Janet Mills; Janet Mills and associates. Back row from left, Grover Brannan, Madison building and health inspector; Andy Economy and Ralph Miller, Madison aldermen; Jim Foley; Bob Waters, Waters and Maune; and Mike Foley, assistant building inspector.

Schermer's receives Chamber award

Owner Leo Schermer, 73 likes to reminisce about his family's history in the area. His father opened the grocery store across the street from Schermer's Garden Shop in 1903. His grandfather owned a saloon where the garden shop now stands. Other members of the family, Leo's son Bill Schermer and daughter Gail (Schermer) Lipe, keep the business thriving.

Schermer's Garden Shop, honored as the Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Month, offers just about everything imaginable for gardeners. Customers receive friendly, quick service and can find anything they need for lawn and garden care, landscaping or silk floral crafts and decorating.

Bill and his staff give expert advice on garden and lawn care, chemicals and problems. The shop offers a complete, specially tailored lawn care system for under \$50 per 5,000 square feet of lawn.

Leo says he has the largest bulk seed collection in the area. Packets of bulk vegetable seeds sell for 40 to 50 cents or by the pound. Bulk grass seed can be mixed for special lawn requirements. Even wild bird seed is sold in bulk.

The garden shop's lot will soon be full of fresh bedding plants, flowering shrubs and trees, shade trees, fruit trees and perennials—something for everyone's growing pleasure.

For people who were not born with a green thumb, Schermer's offers silk plants and flowers, which are incredibly life-like.



Co-owners Bill, Leo and Gail Schermer.

The floral craft rooms of the Garden Shop are also in full bloom. Gail and her staff of designers are always ready to help customers select just the right silk flowers or plants for their home, office or craft project.

Silk weddings are becoming more and more popular, and Schermer's stocks everything you need for a color-coordinated silk wedding. Their new spring collection includes lace, pearl, and iridescent accessories and satin flowers.

Smith shareholder meeting set

A.O. Smith Corp., Milwaukee, has announced Jan. 26 as the date of its previously announced special meeting of shareholders.

Shareholders will be asked to approve three charter amendments intended to increase the liquidity of the Class B common shares. Following shareholder approval of the charter amendments, management plans to recommend the board declare a special one-time dividend of 50 cents per share payable only on Class B common stock.

Robert J. O'Toole, chairman and chief executive officer, said the special shareholders' meeting had been postponed pending a review of proxy material by the Securities and Exchange Commission, with much of the SEC review focusing on the agricultural businesses.

"In 1984, the board adopted a plan to dispose of the agricultural businesses and it appeared then we could do so in several years," O'Toole said. "This plan required these businesses to be classified as discontinued for accounting purposes."

"By 1986, given continued deterioration of the agricultural economy, we publicly indicated disposition would take at least another five years. The SEC, in reviewing the extended period of time that has transpired, believes it appropriate to classify these units as continuing operations beginning in 1986."

"As a result, the company has decided to reclassify its agricultural businesses to continuing operations. However, we fully

intend to maintain our focus on the core businesses and complete the withdrawal from the agricultural businesses as soon as practical," he said.

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There is a very simple way to get around this situation. That solution is called paying yourself first.

Whether saving for a trip, a new car, retirement, college, whatever, the most effective program is to have the money come right off the paycheck, or out of the bank—before the



Brian Mulhall

money is spent. The real beauty of this program is that, after a few paychecks, the money coming out is hardly noticed. It is now automatically worked into cash flow, instead of having to force savings into cash flow.

It is also a great discipline that prevents one from the temptation to skip a month of investing.

A rule of thumb in finance is to save 10 percent of earnings for long-term financial freedom. This should apply for saving through an employer-provided retirement plan, a self-standing savings program, or a combination of the two.

If saving 10 percent is not possible today, the important thing is to start somewhere, and

stick to it. Also, remember, wages will continue to rise, as will the 10 percent savings. Compound interest will work hard for you as you work hard for your dollars.

One simple rule to remember is called the Rule of 72. That rule states that money will double every 7.2 years at a 10 percent rate of return.

If the investment does better than 10 percent, the money doubles sooner than 7.2 years. If invested wisely, money will work hard for financial freedom years ahead.

To illustrate the power of compound interest and a consistent savings/investment plan, here is a math question:

If an 18-year-old started saving just one dollar a day, and averaged 15 percent on the fund and kept the investment and deposits going to age 65, how much money would he or she have at that time? The answer is over 3.7 million dollars.

Granite City resident Brian Mulhall is a partner in a St. Louis-based financial services company.

COCA elects officers for year

Ari Kraatz, construction coordinator, Union Electric Co., has been elected chairman of the board of directors for the Council of Owners and Construction Associates.

COCA, located in Maryville, is a local construction-user council serving the Metro East area of Southwestern Illinois and is affiliated with the Business Roundtable.

The primary purpose of COCA is to increase the efficiency and cost effectiveness of the construction industry.

COCA's membership includes the area's major industries and utilities and 70 construction firms.

Other 1993 COCA officers are Mel Picker, supervisor of facilities engineering, Olin Corp., vice chairman; and Gary Watson, maintenance manager, Clark Oil and Refining, secretary/treasurer.

Mecava receives special DMA award

Michael L. Mecava of Granite City recently received a Special Act Award from the Defense Mapping Agency Aerospace Center.

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Briefly

Salon 53 holds luncheon

Madison County Salon 53 of the Eight and Forty held its Christmas luncheon Dec. 15 at the Innkeeper Restaurant in Hamelet.

A report was made on the annual Christmas party held in St. Louis for children with Cystic Fibrosis. The members had made and donated stuffed animals and pillows for this event. Shirley Landolt, Chapeau, attended the party.

Christmas carols were enjoyed with Marjorie Rosenthal at the keyboard. A fun story was given called "Horace the Mule". An exchange of gifts concluded the afternoon of fellowship.

Those attending from this area were: Loretta Ziegler, Frances Corley, Norma Hillmer, and Dorothy Hanson from Unit 307; Sandy Hunter, Betty Harrison, and Eddie Allen from Granite City 113.

The next meeting will be held in Highland at noon on Jan. 19.

Young at Heart hold party

The Young at Heart seniors of the Holy Family Parish held their Christmas party Dec. 21 at the church community center.

Prayers were said by the Rev. William Fisher, pastor. The following priests and sisters were guests and recognized for their contributions to the parish: Rev. William R. Fisher, Rev. Thomas Wise, Rev. Casimir Kimal, Sister Mary Margaret, Sister Mary Alice, Sister Angelina, Sister Regina Marie, Sister Mary Stanley and Sister Doloretta.

Entertainment was by the "Glitter Girls" from Rhonda Vest-Nolan School of Dance.

Attendance prizes were won by several members, and a special prize, donated by Thomas Mortuary, was won by Ruth Novacich.

The raffle of an Afghan, donated by Josephine Vangel, was won by Cella Mance.

The next meeting will be held on Jan. 18.

Butterfly Card Club meets

Hazel Rollins entertained members of the Butterfly Card Club recently in the Club Room, which was festively decorated in keeping with the Christmas season.

A pollock lunch was served and a gift exchange was held. Each member received Christmas earnings for favors.

The rest of the afternoon was spent playing pinocchio; prizes were awarded to Harriet Hoff, Hell Talley, Mary Lou Claussen, and Thelma Schmidt. Irene Willis won a special prize.

Also present were Juanita Rosenberg, Edith Ryan, Katie Hommert and Lorraine McNabb.

Hommert will entertain next month.

Gateway BPW plans for growth

The Gateway Business and Professional Women's Organization held its monthly meeting Dec. 22 at Brenda's Restaurant in Granite City.

Shirley Rapoff, program chairman, was in charge of the Christmas festivities. Members and two guests, LaVelle Stephens and Chris Warren, exchanged gifts and played Bingo.

Winners of two \$25 gift certificates were Lori Urstone and Marian Hennrich.

Membership Chairman Juanita Williams reported there are two prospective members.

Speaker for the evening was Susan Relf, District 14 membership chairman. She advised the club that "women of today are looking for organizations that will help train them in their job, give them the opportunities they have and provide financing for their education. BPW fulfills most of these needs, but we need to streamline our meetings and

Rummage sale for child center

The Children's Center for Behavioral Development will hold a rummage sale on Saturday, Jan. 30, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the school's main entrance, located at 353 N. 88th St. on Illinois 157, Centerville.

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New Life Ladies
meeting, party

The Madison New Life Ladies Democratic Club held its holiday meeting Dec. 14 at the Madison Recreational Center.

Mary Krajnovich led prayer and the pledge to the flag. President JoAnn Lucas welcomed new members Nelda Reed and Kelly Ollis.

The club decided to donate three Christmas baskets to needy families and each member brought canned goods to help fill the baskets.

Lisa Svoboda was named corresponding secretary.

Nine new members were accepted into the club. They are Jeannie Weidner, Deann Weidner, Carol Robertson, Florence Kierski, Billie Bosworth, Celi Kowalczyk, Hazel Smith, Pat Gervais and Teri Lake.

A pot luck dinner was served after the meeting to JoAnn Lucas, Jenny Huey, Lisa Svoboda, Lisa Bridick, Karyn Topal, Doty Lee, Lydia Chinchock, Kim O'Dell, Dena Burch, Tonya Levart, Gloria Sak, Kelly Ollis, Margaret Amisch, Stephanie Ruzic, Ann Mejaski, Mary Krajnovich, Kathy Belkoff, Diana Belkoff, Beulah Williams, Sue Miller, Dorothy Serwatka, Nelda Reed and a guest, April Wright.

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School menus

Granite City Public Schools

Monday - Martin Luther King's birthday, no school.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Cereal with banana; lunch: Pizza, tater tots, fruit cup.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Manager's choice; lunch: Chili with crackers, peanut butter sandwich, celery sticks, diced pears.

Thursday - Breakfast: Scrambled egg, sausage patty, mixed fruit; lunch: Tacos with cheese and lettuce, mixed vegetables, mixed fruit.

Friday - Breakfast: Pancake with fruit; lunch: Tuna submarine on hoagie bun, diced carrots, applesauce.

Madison Public Schools

Monday - Martin Luther King's birthday, no school.

Tuesday - Breakfast: Cereal; lunch: Chicken nuggets, Texas toast, mixed vegetables, applesauce.

Wednesday - Breakfast: Doughnut, juice; lunch: Salisbury steak, whipped potatoes and gravy, green beans, pudding.

Thursday - Breakfast: Biscuit and jelly, juice; lunch: Coney dog on bun, french fries, peaches.

Friday - Breakfast: Peanut butter sandwich, juice; lunch: Taco salad, garlic bread, buttered corn, apple crisp.

Venice Public Schools

Monday - Martin Luther King's birthday, no school.

Tuesday - Barbecued pork on bun, corn, macaroni salad, jello with fruit.

Wednesday - Pepper steak, rice with gravy, peas, fruit cocktail.

Thursday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, peach cobbler.

Friday - Tuna casserole, lima beans, brownies.

Holy Family

Monday - Martin Luther King's

birthday, no school.

Tuesday - Hot dog on bun, tater tots, baked beans, sliced cheese, celery/carrot sticks, pineapple.

Wednesday - Taco with cheese, lettuce and tomato, peanut buttered bread, peas, vanilla pudding.

Thursday - Salisbury steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, jello.

Friday - Tuna noodle casserole over buttered noodles, peas, slaw, blueberry cake.

St. Elizabeth

Monday - Martin Luther King's birthday, no school. Tuesday - Ravioli, green beans, fruit cup.

Wednesday - Hot dog on bun, tater tots, corn.

Thursday - Pizza with extra cheese, corn, cupcake.

Friday - Nachos and cheese, peanut butter sandwich, celery and carrot sticks, apple crisp.

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Warming up, cooling down enhances exercise

What you do before and after an exercise workout can be just as important in maintaining your health as the workout, according to the sports trainers from Sports Medicine Services of St. Elizabeth Health Services.

A good warm-up and cool-down program that includes stretching can enhance a workout.

Warming up before activity does just that. It warms the body by increasing the heart rate and blood flow to the muscles. This increases the elasticity of the muscle, allowing it to stretch and rebound during normal activity with decreased risk of injury.

A "cold muscle" does not respond to minor injuries by rebounding back and can become a chronic exercise injury. Warming up does not take all the risk out of exercise, but it does help decrease the severity of injuries.

The first part of a good warm-up consists of 10 minutes of a light activity like brisk walking, biking or step. Just enough to raise your pulse a little and make you feel warm.

The second part includes general body stretching. You should feel only a gentle pull, no sharp stinging or burning.

Cooling down is just as important. Continuing a lower level of exercise after the workout keeps oxygen and nutrients carried by the blood pumping to muscles, helping decrease muscle stiffness and soreness. It gradually slows the heart rate and blood flow to the muscles, allowing enough

Do cold weather, exercise mix?

Cold weather is here, but you can limit your chance of catching a cold by following a few guidelines.

One of the easiest methods of staying healthy in cold weather is wearing the proper clothing for the activity, authorities say.

If you are inside working out, make sure your head is covered when you leave the building.

After exercising, your hair is wet from perspiration or showering. Since you can lose up to 80 percent of the heat from your body through your head and increased body temperature and the cold air outside cause even more rapid heat loss, this combination greatly increases your chances of catching a cold.

When you are exercising outside for long periods of time, make sure to replace your fluids. When you can see your breath during cold weather, it is warm air from inside your body reacting to the cold air outside. As you exhale, the warm air meets the cold air, and you see particles of water in the air. You lose additional body fluids through respiration, as well as perspiration.

When exercising outside, multiple layers of clothing are preferred, rather than one heavy coat. This way, you can remove a layer or two to control your temperature, instead of leaving your coat unzipped or taking it off.

A stocking cap or wearing of ear muffs is recommended. This allows some heat to dissipate but still protects you from the environment.

Gloves are also good to protect your fingers from the cold weather.

Remember, it is better to overdress than it is to be underdressed during the winter months.

Persons who have exercise-related questions may call the Sports Medicine Services hot line at 798-3943. Sports Medicine Services is provided by St. Elizabeth Health Services.

warmth to aid in stretching. Post-workout stretching assists muscles in relaxing and taking in blood and nutrients, helping maintain the effects of the exercise longer.

The cool down is like a warm-up in reverse. If you have been running, cool down with easy jogging for five minutes and gradually work it down to easy walking for the last five to 10 minutes. Complete with

stretches. As with any new exercise, begin slowly and work your way up. A good practice of warming up and cooling down can benefit your exercise program and help you reach your fitness goals safely and quickly.

In each of the following stretch examples, hold each position 15 seconds, three times, and switch sides.

Thighs — Lie on your left

side, with your head supported by the palm of your left hand. Bend right knee and grasp right ankle with right hand and gently pull right heel toward buttock. Be careful not to twist the torso while reaching for the ankle.

Hamstrings — Sit with right leg straight in front of you, toes upright. Bend left leg and place the bottom of left foot against the side of right knee. Gently lean forward until you feel a stretch in the hamstring or lower back.

Spinal twist — Sit on the floor, extend your right leg in front of you. Bend your left knee, cross over right knee and place your left foot on the outside of your right knee. Then bend your right elbow and rest it on the outside of left knee. Use your left hand for support as you continue to rotate left.

Upper arms — Stand and reach right arm across your body at shoulder height. Grasp right elbow and pull. Also, stand, reaching overhead, bend your right elbow and let right hand go behind your head. Grasp right elbow with left hand and gently pull.

Calves — Stand two feet away from a wall with knee straight, heels flat and toes pointed toward wall. Gently lean toward the wall until you feel a stretch to the calf.

Persons who have any other exercise questions may call the Sports Medicine Services hot line at 798-3943.

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Steven Branding, right, of Granite City receives a St. Louis College of Pharmacy 125th-anniversary scholarship during the college's awards program. Presenting the award is Donald Rickert, dean of students.

Branding receives scholarship

Stephen S. Branding of Granite City received a 125th-anniversary scholarship during the St. Louis College of Pharmacy's fall awards program held in November on the central-west end campus.

Branding is the son of Richard and June Branding and is a 1985 graduate of Granite City High School.

Tuition credits totaling \$43,000 were distributed among more than 50 award recipients honored during the ceremony. Selection of award recipients is based on academic achievement, leadership, financial need, contributions to the college, professional attitude, community service, residency and employment.

Divorces

The marriages of several area couples were recently dissolved in the Third Circuit Court in Madison County. They include:

Morris J. Brown, 47, of Granite City, and Laura (Perigen) Brown, 27, of Pomona, Ill.; married Nov. 20, 1987.

Dennis L. Willoughby, 28, of Hillsboro, and Shirley (Thomason) Willoughby, 44, of Granite City; married July 26, 1991.

John L. VerStraten, 26, of Farmington, N.M., and Tara (York) VerStraten, 19, of Granite City; married March 23, 1989.

James W. Brame, 34, and Paula (Summers) Brame, 36, both of Granite City; married Aug. 23, 1988.

Richard L. McHenry, 30, and Jane A. McHenry, 29, both of Troy; married Jan. 27, 1984.

John, Fraser, 20, of Daytona Beach, Fla., and Susan Fraser, 27, of Troy; married May 28, 1989.

Kevin Wright, 25, and Vicki (Johnson) Wright, 24, both of Collinsville; married Dec. 31, 1988.

Scott P. Eversman, 27, of Caseyville, and Suzanne (Stites) Eversman, 27, of Collinsville; married March 23, 1991.

Michael R. Ames, 36, and Roberta (Fraser) Ames, 34, both of Alhambra; married Sept. 16, 1987.

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Screenings set at hospital here

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—Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Wellness Center, 2103 Iowa St., Granite City, from 2 to 6 p.m. Registration is required, by calling St. Elizabeth at 796-5201 for an appointment.

—Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Granite City Schnucks, 3401 Nameoki Road, Granite City, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments are not needed. Participants will be seen on a first-come, first-served basis.

Cholesterol level screenings, blood pressure tests and professional consultation on the results will be offered for \$7. Blood sugar tests, blood pressure tests and professional consultation will be offered for \$1.

High blood cholesterol is one of the risk factors for developing heart disease, a spokesman said. Coronary heart attacks are the cause of almost 30 percent of the two million deaths in the United States each year.

The National Institute of Health recommends that all adults 20 and older have their blood cholesterol levels checked, because the chances of developing heart disease increase in proportion to the amount the cholesterol is elevated. By monitoring levels, an individual can take steps to lower cholesterol and the accompanying risk of developing heart disease.

Counterfeiting talk is set for Thursday

"Protect Yourself from Counterfeiting" will be the subject of a talk by U.S. Secret Service Agent Phil Levy at the S&P Oyster Company restaurant in Fairview Heights at noon on Thursday, Jan. 21.

Levy will discuss how counterfeiters try to dupe people. He will also explain what is and is not permissible when depicting currency on the printed page.

The Southwest Illinois Media Club is sponsoring this program, which is open to the public. Non-members will be asked to contribute \$3 to help cover expenses. For reservations or more information, call Mel Guttridge at 252-4225.

The Southwest Illinois Media Club is a not-for-profit organization of people interested in all aspects of public communication. Members include not only news media people but also public relations practitioners, marketers and free lancers.



Sister Bernidette, front, President Mickey Krusek and Mayor Belfoff at the Madison Senior Christmas party.



Olga Yurko, recording secretary, left; George Vasiloff, trustee; Dorothy Vasiloff, vice president; and Mary Harvoc, treasurer, at the Madison Christmas party.

Madison Seniors hold Christmas party

Madison Seniors held their Christmas party Dec. 17 at the Madison Recreation Center.

Bingo was enjoyed and gifts were given out. Members present were Olga Yurko, recording secretary; George Vasiloff, trustee; Dorothy Vasiloff, vice president; and Mary Harvoc.

The caterer was Petries. The menu consisted of fried chicken, pork roast, Mostaccioli, mixed vegetables and the trimmings. Busy Bee donated sheet cake.

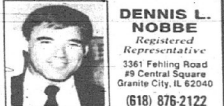
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Better Breathers Club awards scholarship

Maxine Green covers the Granite City and Nameoki Township area for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 831-6256.

George and Glenna Staggs entertained with a dinner party recently in their home. Guests included Daria Staggs, Roger Taylor, Clifford and Vicki Taylor, all of Granite City; and Bryan and Michelle Giese of Hamel; Billie and Crystal Hale of Worden; Claude and Virginia Staggs of St. Peters, Mo.; Jerry and Glenda Freeman of Shawnee, Okla.; and Jason Freeman of Granite City.

Kerri Willmore, a Belleville Area College Respiratory Therapy Technologist student, was presented the first Michael Pryor Scholarship Award by the Better Breathers Club. Respiratory Therapy students and the Respiratory Therapy Department worked together to raise the scholarship award the last two years by having a Las Vegas Nite.

The scholarship is in memory of Michele Pryor, who was a respiratory therapist at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. He passed away unexpectedly after working away through the Respiratory Therapy Technologist Program. Denise Myles, Ph.D., CRTT, was the speaker at the presentation meeting. Also attending were Carol Smith, coordinator; Karen Lewis, director, American Lung Association; Will Mueller, director, Respiratory Technologist; Debbie Rapien, director, Clinical Education; Kern Willmore, Respiratory Therapy student, all of Belleville Area college; David Sheppard, rehabilitation specialist; JoAnne Simpher, PFT supervisor; Susie



Maxine Green

Horton, president; and Ruth Smith, treasurer. Frank and Shirley Wendel; Judy Johnson; Ruth and David Costello; Orval Femmer; Edie Evans; Pearl Kamadulski; Elsie Staggs; Florence Buettner; Mary Maylat; Jack Smith; Majorie Hilker; Ellen Knackstedt; Glen Belfort; Robert Wiltshire; and Elsie Maylat.

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The Madison County Senior Adult group, Saints Alive, met Jan. 14 at the West 23rd Street Baptist Church.

Louise Acocks played a piano medley. Vice President Bob Lewis opened the meeting by welcoming visitors and members. New members were Irene and

Del Wilkinson and Winifred and Francis Anderson. Prayers requests were made and prayer was led by Brother Bill Hollaway.

Kathy Sargent led in singing the song, "When the Saints Go Marching In." Senior Adult January Bible Study will be each Thursday in January in the Third Baptist Church.

The coordinator, Dr. Wilkinson, told of plans for a trip to Nashville, Tenn., May 6, 7 and 8. A deposit of \$25 needs to be paid by Feb. 1 at the MCEA office if you are planning to go.

Jan Raphael explained the Holy Meal Program at the First Baptist Church. The program needs more churches to participate. The next meeting will be on April 5 at Suburban Baptist Church, beginning at 10:30 a.m. with potluck at noon.

Kathy Sargent presented special music, "The Longer I Serve Him," and Pastor Don Allred gave a devotional.

After singing the "Grace" song, Winifred Anderson and Rebecca Wolfe, Josephine Bailey, Ora Mae Noel and Shirley Diak all ladies of the church served the dinner.

Others present were Eva Barrow, Cleis Barsley, Ida Mae, Bill and Betty Holloway, Glenn and Phyllis Knight, Lavada Odum, Virginia Arakaki, Myra Grote, Vera Kirkpatrick, Pauline Hillis, Herby Wood, Ray and Hassie Jones, Francis Anderson, Virgil and Olive Stogsdill, Gertrude Sullivan, Gene Hargraves, Jim and Vera Ridgeway, and Evan Whitford.

Bill and Paul Weathers have returned home from Panama City Beach, Fla., where they enjoyed a holiday vacation.

We're Sorry!

On Page 3 of this week's Big Brand Sale, we advertised Active Elements two-piece warm-ups for ladies at \$29.99. Due to the manufacturer's inability to ship, the featured style will not be available. However, the other styles shown—plus many more, will be available at the advertised price.

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Obituaries

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosie M. (Diel) Lawrence, who died Nov. 12, 1990, and his parents, Claude and Rosetta (Thompson) Lawrence.

Visitation will be held from 3 to 8 p.m. today at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road, Granite City, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, with the Rev. Joseph Ely officiating. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

Joyce Soden

Joyce Annette (Powers) Soden, 54, of Edwardsville, formerly of Granite City, died at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1993, at Christian Hospital Northeast, St. Louis County, where she had been a patient since December. She had been ill since 1989.

Born in Stewart County, Tenn., July 30, 1938, she had been a resident of Granite City for 20 years. She was a homemaker and was associated with City Temple Assembly of God in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, William R. Soden of Edwardsville, whom she married Dec. 9, 1983; two daughters, Sheila Kelly of Granite City, and Brenda Niedhart of Waxahatchee, Texas; four sons, Philip Adams of Edwardsville, Bobby Adams Jr. and Terry Soden, both of Granite City, and Billy D. Soden of Crowley, Colo.; her mother, Laura (Gray) Powers of Lebanon, Tenn.; a sister, Doris Lester of Lebanon, Tenn.; and 13 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father, Ernest Douglas Powers, and twin brothers.

Funeral services were held Friday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, with the Rev. Mike Hopkins officiating. Burial was at Scott Chapel Cemetery, Cumberland City, where graveside services were held Saturday.

Memorials are suggested for the American Heart Association.

Stella Decker

Stella T. (Odom) Decker, 66, of Granite City died at 6:05 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 1993, at St. Mary's Health Care Center, St. Louis. She had been ill for one month.

Born in Summersville, Mo., Nov. 17, 1926, she had been a resident of Granite City for 48 years. She was a member of the VFW Auxiliary and was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include her husband, Ray E. Decker of Granite City; two daughters, Tammy Harmon and Lynn Decker, both of Granite City; one son, Sgt. Terry Decker of Fort Hood, Texas; a brother, Albert Odom of Donkolia, Ill.; two sisters, Marie Sarigal of Madison and Elsie Fisher of Crestwood, Ill.; and six grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Richard and Cora (Heny) Odom.

Visitation will be held from 4 to 9 p.m. today at Werner Chapel for Funerals, 399 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, where services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, with the Rev. Eddie Linhart officiating. Burial will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis County.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond and Irene (Diestelkamp) Ridenhour; two brothers, Herman and Frank Ridenhour; and three sisters, Nellie Case, Helen Griffith and Ina Francis.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Jan. 12, at Sassmann's Chapel, Belle. Burial was at Pilot Knob Cemetery, Belle.

Laura Fechte

Laura M. (Black) Fechte, 64, of Staunton, formerly of Venice, died at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1993, at Cross Plains Medical Center, Cross Plains, Texas, after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Born in St. Louis in October 1928, she resided in Venice from 1949 to 1977. She retired after 20 years as a secretary at Midwest Card Co. in St. Louis and was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Staunton.

Survivors include her husband, William J. Fechte of Staunton, whom she married Oct. 29, 1949; a daughter, Deborah Uschan of Frankfort, Ky.; a son, Matthew J. Fechte of Staunton; a brother, Les Black of St. John's Island, S.C.; and two sisters, Alora Hilboldt of Florissant, Mo., and Patricia Baer of St. Louis.

She was preceded in death by her son, William John Fechte Jr. and her parents, Clarence A. and Leah (Mott) Fechte.

Funeral services were held Saturday at Zion Lutheran Church, Staunton, with the Rev. Leslie J. Mitkos officiating. Burial was at Spangle Cemetery, south of Staunton. Arrangements were by Williamson Funeral Home, Staunton.

Memorials are suggested for Zion Lutheran, Diabetes Association or American Heart Association.

John Azari

John Azari, 70, of Granite City died at 4:23 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 1993, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he had been a patient since Jan. 7.

Born in Sabraton, W. Va., Feb. 21, 1922, he had been a resident of Granite City for 38 years.

He was employed for 29 years as a system analyst in federal civil service, retiring in 1974. A U.S. Army Air Corps veteran of World War II, he was a member of Hope Lutheran Church and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth E. (Diepholz) Azari, whom he married June 29, 1952, in Granite City; two sisters, Mary Hoover and Helen Potter, both of Granite City; three grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Barbara Azari; a son, Daniel Cluts, who died Sept. 29, 1984; and two brothers, Joseph and Nicholas Azari.

Services were held Saturday at Hope Lutheran Church, Granite City, with the Rev. David Fielding officiating. Burial was at Sunset Hill Memorial Estates near Edwardsville. Arrangements were by Irwin Chapel, Granite City.

Memorials are suggested for the Dream Factory or Hope Lutheran Church.

Edna Richter

Edna Clara (Ridenhour) Richter, 67, of Jefferson City, Mo., formerly of Granite City, died Saturday, Jan. 9, 1993, at Jefferson City Manor Nursing Home after a long illness.

Born in Madison on Jan. 5, 1926, she moved to Jefferson City from Granite City in 1987 after suffering a stroke. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two daughters, Janet Darnold of Jefferson City and Ada Irene Pongema of Fulton, Mo.; a son, Kenneth Richter of Granite City; two brothers, Charles "Lindy" Ridenhour of St. James, Mo., and Clarence Ridenhour of Warrenton, Mo.; a sister, Geneva Southard of Belle, Mo.; nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Cecil Lawrence

Cecil W. Lawrence, 72, of Madison died at 4:29 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 1993, at Wood River Township Hospital, where he had been a patient since Jan. 9. He had been ill for six months.

Born in Doniphan, Mo., Nov. 31, 1920, he had resided in Granite City for 46 years. He was a millwright for 25 years at Granite City Steel, retiring in 1972. A World War II U.S. Army veteran, he was of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include two daughters, Glenda Eggenmeyer of Madison and Deborah Pruet of Granite City; two sons, Kenneth Lawrence of Hartford and William Lawrence of Madison; three brothers, James Lawrence of Paducah, Ky., W.L. Lawrence of Greenwood, Ind., and R.B. Lawrence of Sevierville, Tenn.; four sisters, Velma Kaufman of Lone Oak, Ky., and Claudette Litchfield, Sandra Ellis and Bonnie Fisher, all of Paducah; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Silo closing Fairview Heights store

The Silo Inc. electronics and appliance store reopened Friday after two days of inventory to move discounted items before unplugging for good.

The closing will mean unemployment to 10 employees in the Fairview Heights store, an official with the Philadelphia-based chain said Friday.

The store, on Lincoln Trail Road, opened in mid-1989 and was part of a 45-store group in the St. Louis metropolitan area. Many of them replaced Tipton stores which Silo's parent company bought in 1988.

The company will have a going-out-of-business sale until everything is sold, said Michael J. Randels, Silo's senior vice president for human resources.

"It could be a week, two weeks, three weeks or two months. All of our stores should be closed by the end of March," he said.

The company, which recently completed a detailed analysis of its 232 stores nationwide, said 45

will be closed in Southern Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Indiana and Kentucky. The company will concentrate on major metropolitan areas such as Philadelphia, Seattle, Chicago, Phoenix and New Orleans, Randels said.

Silo announced the plans Wednesday, citing operating losses, competition and a soft economy.

"Over the last few years, stronger and more effective competition has emerged," Silo President Robert Sirkis said in a statement. "For Silo to prosper, we must have a more competitive retail position."

Silo's parent corporation, Dixons Group of the United Kingdom, posted operating losses of \$28.2 million on sales of \$489.5 million between May 2 and Nov. 14 last year.

Of the 570 Silo employees to be affected, 164 of them work in 10 stores in the St. Louis area, Randels said. Silo is compiling a list of all job openings in its remain-

ing stores in an attempt to move displaced workers, he said.

The St. Louis area stores, in addition to failing to draw customers, were considered too small and old to be worth the investment, he said. National chain Best Buy and Circuit City were considered the two prime competitors.

Randels said he thought most of the area stores were under long-term leases and not owned by Silo.

Silo said it would continue to honor its product warranty commitments through a network of authorized third-party service and repair companies.

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Time capsule



From the past — Retained as circuit judge in 1972, Judge Fred P. Schuman of Granite City also has been designated as chief judge of the Third Judicial Circuit. His oath of office is shown being given by Circuit Judge Michael Kinney. Left to right are Kinney, Schuman and (seated in the front row) Appellate Court Clerk Walter "Buck" Simmonds of Venice, Madison County Board Chairman Nelson Hagnauer of Granite City, Sheriff John Maeras and James Chapman, retiring recorder of deeds.

•Offices

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and, like the treasurer, the only requirement for the position is to gather the most votes on election day.

Cruse has said that the elected superintendent's position is the biggest obstacle the city faces.

He said that the nature of the job is such that the superintendent's primary objective is getting re-elected rather than

repairing streets, curbs and gutters.

Comptroller K.P. MacTaggart said the city would save between \$90,000 and \$100,000 by eliminating the positions.

A study of city operations, conducted in 1961, recommended that the top street official be appointed rather than elected.

A current study of all city operations has been commissioned, and the results are expected to be released in early

April. Valle's term as treasurer is up this year, and a treasurer is to be elected April 20.

As of Friday, she was the only candidate for the office who had picked up petitions to be included on the ballot.

An opinion written by Madison County State's Attorney Bill Haine says an official elected to a specific term has a right to serve out that term.

Harrison was elected in 1991 and has two more years left in his term.

•Pension

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city and collect taxes to pay the people who used to work there."

Hundreds of Illinois State Police officers will also be able to take early retirement, and special provisions for individual legislators, judges and others are also part of the bill passed Tuesday night.

Illinois state troopers will be able to retire five years earlier,

as young as 45, if they leave by the end of this month under another part of the bill. About 280 of the officers are expected to go.

Other parts of the pension bill include assorted provisions allowing various retiring lawmakers to pick up additional years to qualify for full pensions by making extra employee contributions. A legislator with 20 years of experience could retire with a full pension at age 50

instead of 55.

The legislation was passed after seven hours of negotiations Monday between groups seeking pension changes, legislative leaders and Edgar's staff.

Edgar aides indicated the governor is likely to sign the bill. The bill was the last major legislation for the 87th General Assembly, clearing the House 108-1 and the Senate 37-8.

Lawmakers elected in November were sworn in Wednesday.

•Bias

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We're doing things we have never done before," School Superintendent Steve Balen said.

"We realize that some of the problems can't be resolved in a month, two months or three months. But some can be resolved very quickly," said Sgt. Eddie Wallace, who is acting as a liaison between the parents and the school district.

One of the problems in the past, Balen said, was inability to determine which student was the instigator when a fight broke out. As a result, the district had been suspending all students involved.

Video cameras were recently installed on school buses to help monitor incidents there. Staff penalties, including expulsion from school, have been established for students who are determined to have violated the

civil rights of others.

Parents had said that their children were being targeted on the buses.

Wallace, who has three children attending district schools, said the parents simply "want our children to be able to go to school without harassment."

"Our children are entitled to an education. Please don't deny them that right," Wallace said.

Balen said he views the interracial committee as dealing with larger problems rather than petty, day-to-day incidents.

He has instructed parents that the best way to deal with problems is to go through the chain of command — to the teacher first, then to the building administrator, then to the central office administrator, and then to himself.

If no satisfactory resolution has been accomplished, then the committee should get involved, Balen said.

The committee will review concerns and make recommendations to the school board, Balen said.

Some of the requests made by parents include: immediate investigation of reported incidents of alleged discrimination by teachers, school monitors, other staff members, and police officers.

Requests that all suspected of alleged discrimination be suspended without pay pending an investigation.

Requests that the district hire minority teachers and staff.

Requests that teachers in Granite City, Madison and Venice participate in a cooperative program where they would teach in another district for a semester.

Requests that all school district staff members receive sensitivity training.

And requests for review and revision of school disciplinary policies.

Dealing with people discussion

"Dealing With Difficult People" will be featured at Home-makers Extension Association unit meetings this week. Local leaders will explore the needs of types of difficult people and how to effectively communicate.

Bluff, 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Collinsville Memorial Public Library, 308 W. Main, Collinsville.

Venice/Madison, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 20, at the Venice Community Center, Venice.

Edwardsville, 1 p.m. Friday, Jan. 22, at the Leitch Center, North Main Street, Edwardsville.

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Boswells among 52 at family reunion

Lucille Martin covers the Pontoon Beach scene for the Press-Record/Journal. She can be contacted at 831-0731.

The Bunco Club members met in the home of Robbie Wilson on Wednesday evening. Those attending were Edna Bennett, Linda Arnold, Debbie Vincent, Terry Hecht, Sallie Kirksey, Peggy Milton, Vina Nelson, Karen Lemier, Edith Rogaschnik and the hostess.

Glenn Tucker, formerly of Pontoon, has returned to the Caseyville Care Center from Belleville St. Elizabeth's Hospital, where he was being treated for a broken hip and collar bone.



Lucille Martin

Lucille Martin, his sister, and Louise Haynes, Amanda Langston and Maxine Green visited him on Wednesday. They also visited his wife, Leola, who resides in the home with him.

Ron Boswell and his mother, Myrna Boswell of El Paso, Ill.; Dick and Jerry Jacobs; Mark

and Debbie Ryteski; Gail and Lee Guwell of Dover, Tenn.; Craig and Delora Grammer and daughters, Deana and Betsy; Joe Boswell of Bex., Ga.; and Linda and Don Boswell and son Dean, of Pontoon attended the family reunion recently. There were 52 relatives in all attending.

The January meeting of the Ruth Class of Calvary Baptist Church met with 11 present: Pauline Weir, Pat Wallis, Pauline Hall, Maxine Hoover, Dorothy Watkins, Gladys Hutson, Eileen Badgett, Lois Bivens, Norma Ross, Bernice Boyer, and Ruth Dagon. Prayer requests were made for Bernice Boyer's daughter's sister-in-law, Lois Bivens sister, Pat Wallis niece, Loretta Wilson; Mrs. Cress, Maxine Hoover's granddaughter, Sheila, Pam Vasquez, Dorothy Watkins' daughter; Pauline Weir's husband and Pauline. Ron Weiss and people on Wednesday night prayer list.

Eileen Badgett led in prayer. Bernice Boyer gave the devotional on "This Thing Called Prayer," from the Guidepost. Ruth Dagon read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved. Pat Wallis gave the treasurer report. Cheer Chairman Dorothy Watkins, sent five cards and \$10 was given her for cards, a gift from Maxie Stamps.

A report was given on gifts sent to our girl's name from Carmi Children's Home for Christmas. A nice thank you was received from her to our class. Under new business there will be a Bible Study Jan. 18, 19, 20 and 21.

A possible progressive dinner was discussed for March with four homes each one having different countries. Our project for January was food supplies for our needy pantry. Games were led by Maxine Hoover and prizes were won by everyone. Lois Bivens gave the blessing and delicious refreshments were served by our hostess, Ruth Dagon. Gladys Hutson volunteered to be hostess for February. Pauline Hall will give a devotional and Norma Jean Ross will have games.



5 generations — Little Amanda Jean-Marie Moulden, held by her mother, Kimberli (Green) Moulden of Wichita, Kansas, completes another five generations. Pictured with them, are, from left: Maxine Green, and Lucille Martin; and Tom Green Sr.

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Choral Society seeks members

The Community Choral Society of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has begun rehearsals for the winter quarter, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 1029 of the SIUE Communications Building.

According to SIUE Music Professor Leonard Van Camp, who directs the choral group, anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join the Society.

Current efforts are being directed at rehearsing for a concert March 8 with the theme of "Choral Music in America: 1890s-1990s."

The concert will feature works of Charles Ives, Samuel Barber and Aaron Copland, to name just a few.

Joining the Society in the concert will be the SIUE Concert Choral and the University Singers.

Dues for the Choral Society are \$15 annually, or for any portion of the season. Van Camp said, while married couples pay \$25 annually.

For more information, call the SIUE department of music, 692-5900, or Van Camp at 692-2024.

Presentation — Ken Spalding, left, principal at Grigsby Junior High School; Brandon Martinez, Grigsby's Student Council president; and Mike Stolze, K-Mart manager, present a check after Grigsby students collected more than \$1,500 to help the needy. Gift certificates were purchased at K-Mart to help needy Grigsby families with holiday expenses. K-Mart added \$100 in certificates.

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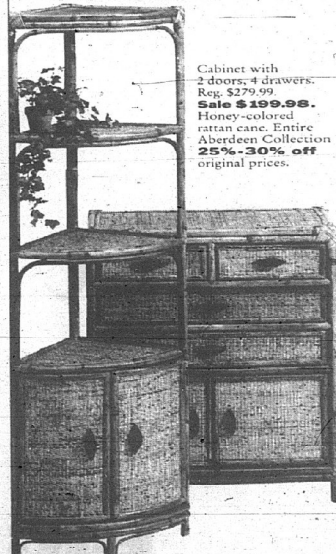
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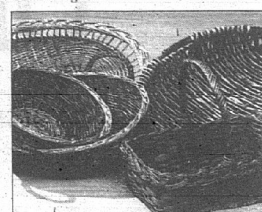
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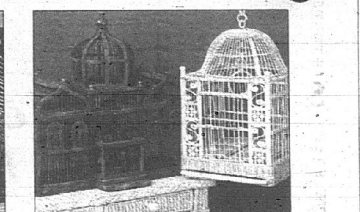
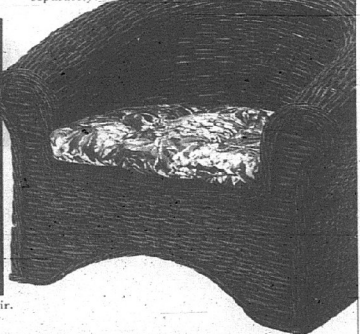


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Sports

Lady Warriors clip Redwings, record fifth straight victory

By Scott Wuerz
Correspondent

The Granite City High School girls basketball team outlasted Alton on Friday night, handing the young Lady Redwings their 15th loss of the season.

Although the Lady Warriors broke out to a 10-4 lead in the first quarter, they were unable to dominate the Lady Redwings in the first half.

Granite City freshman Denise McMillan scored Granite City's first four points, staking the Lady Warriors to a lead they never surrendered.

Granite City coach Allen Lobdell said his team's poor shooting in the first half allowed Alton to stay dangerously close throughout the third period. Still, the Lady Warriors won for the fifth straight time.

"We didn't get the kind of game we've grown to expect from a couple of our girls in the shooting department," Lobdell said. "But we saw some things pick up the slack. It's frustrating not to capitalize on so many chances, but we have to be a

Girls basketball

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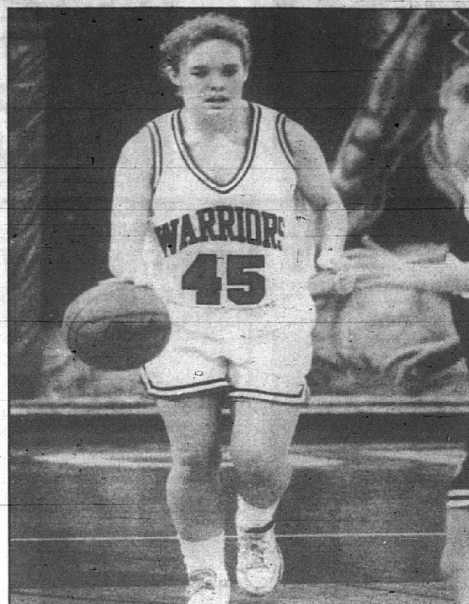
five-person team. We can't expect three girls to carry us every night."

Both teams' shooting improved dramatically in the second half. In the third quarter, Alton prevented the Lady Warriors from pulling away by answering every Granite City basket until a modest four-point run for the hosts at the end of the period.

With the Lady Warriors holding a 12-point advantage in the final period, Granite City senior forward Stephanie Kuit found her shot—she delivered the final nail in Alton's coffin with six points, including a pair of free throws.

The Lady Warriors used an eight-point run in the final minutes to build a 17-point advantage and improve their record to 11-6 on the season.

Lobdell said the overall sloppy play of his team was somewhat of a concern, but he has been encouraged by the play of his girls. (See Girls, Page 48)



Granite City girls basketball player Stephanie Kuit scored 12 points in Friday night's win. (Staff photo by PAM DOEPKE-MURD)

Rejuvenated Redbirds defeat Warriors, 85-70 Granite City cagers fall to 3-9

By Mark Pierce
Correspondent

Friday's version of the Alton Redbirds bore little resemblance to the 'Birds of a few weeks ago. An early-season injury to forward Mark Miley sent Alton reeling to a five-game losing streak. Since his return, the Redbirds were 2-3 coming into Friday's game against Granite City.

And it seems things are finally starting to jell for the Redbirds. Alton posted its finest team performance of the season in an 85-70 win over the Warriors.

Now 5-8 on the season, Alton is 1-3 in the Southwestern Conference. Granite City fell to 3-9, 0-4 in the SWC.

"We were much better tonight," Alton coach Stan McAfos said. "The kids were more intense and they played together. This may not have been our best game of the year, but it was our best team effort."

After eight lead changes in the first quarter, Alton grabbed a three-point advantage heading into the second period and stretched it from there. Granite City could never get close enough to make things interesting.

"We had our chances," Granite City coach John Van Buskirk said. "But Alton was shooting easy layups. We were working our butts off for everything we got and they were getting easy shots."

and expect to win in the Southwestern Conference."

Alton's speed gave the Warriors trouble all night, and Van Buskirk said that is nothing new. "This was not a very good defensive effort for us," Van Buskirk said. "Most of that was caused by Alton's speed. Their quickness always bothers Granite City."

"We've struggled offensively lately. Tonight we found our offense and lost our defense."

Alton posted an 8-1 run midway through the second quarter to take a 33-22 lead. The score was 41-31 at halftime. The advantage hovered around 10 points for most of the second half, with Alton's biggest lead being the 15 points that made the final margin.

For the Redbirds, Friday was their most consistent effort of the season. There were no highs or lows—just a good, steady performance.

"We didn't have any long periods of good or bad," McAfos said. "We had fewer turnovers because we didn't force the ball. We spent the whole week working on our offense and tonight we showed we're capable of scoring 80 points."

Alton's starting lineup looked much different than the one that took the floor earlier this season. McAfos shook things up, starting senior John Stiff and sophomore Jamie Lumpkins while sending junior Ryan Fox, junior Kris Phelps and senior Courtney (See Cagers, Page 48)

Warrior matmen pound Parkway West

Granite City (15-0) stays undefeated in dual meets

By Tony Panozzo
Staff writer

For a team that is supposed to be rebuilding, the Granite City High School wrestling squad has had a funny way of showing it. The Warriors added another dual win Friday night, pounding Parkway West 57-12.

The Warriors, now 15-0 in duals this season, won their second meet in as many nights. They defeated Wood River on Thursday night 54-15.

As usual, fatigue was not a problem for the well-conditioned Warriors. Eight of the team's 13 wrestlers won by fall.

In other seasons, Warrior coach Mike Garland said, Parkway West has not been a pushover. But Parkway West is carrying only two seniors this year—the same number as Granite City.

"This is really the first year it's been a blowout," Garland said. "Maybe they're rebuilding."

"We're awfully young," Parkway West coach Jim Wolf said. "But Granite City did a great job. They looked stronger about four or five years ago, but this year they have some pretty good wrestlers."

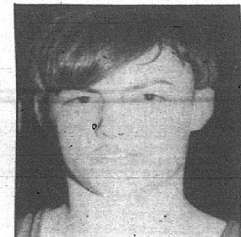
They're good enough to keep Granite City's streak nearly two years ago. Not counting last year's dual loss at state to Lyons, the Warriors have won 41 straight duals.

With two weeks left in the regular season, Granite City is in position to go undefeated again. Garland said he would have never expected this kind of the season at the outset.

"No way in the world did I expect this," Garland said. "We were just a young team hoping to end up 300. A lot of it has to do with last year. These kids wrestled against great competition day in, day out."

The Warriors started off strong against Parkway West, getting pins from Chris Hogan at 103, Tim Fulkerson at 119 and

GRANITE CITY 57, Parkway W. 12
100 — Chris Hogan (GC) pinned Scott Maslin, 3:13, 112 — Pat Scheffer (GC) won by fall, 1:19 — Tim Fulkerson (GC) pinned Brett Cherry, 4:58, 125 — T.J. Slay (GC) pinned Jon Armfield, 3:26, 130 — Adam Morse (PW) def. John Vence, 2:4, 135 — Jamie Kirby (GC) pinned Greg Holzhauer, 5:58, 140 — Jeff Estrada (GC) def. Cory Bricker, 10:9, 145 — Joe Scott (GC) pinned Marcus McGuire, 4:57, 152 — Scott Seifert (PW) pinned Steve Grubb, 3:28, 160 — Tony Buchek (GC) pinned Matt McGuire, 3:50, 171 — Casey James (PW) def. Jeff Witter, 2:1, 189 — Andy Richards (GC) pinned Sam Monroe, 1:23, 275 — Chris Janek (GC) pinned Frank Wilson, 1:55.



Jeff Estrada...Comeback win

T.J. Slay at 125. Pat Scheffer received a forfeit win at 112. John Vence lost to Parkway West's Adam Morse at 130, but Jamie Kirby rebounded by pinning his opponent at 135. Then, Granite City's 140-pounder, Jeff Estrada, turned in the match of the night.

Estrada spotted Cory Bricker a 9-5 lead before coming back in the third period for a 10-9 victory. Estrada, a freshman, won the match on a late takedown.

"I thought he had the guttiest match of the night," Garland said. "A lot of kids would have folded. That just shows you what kind of fortitude the kid has. He had probably one of our most exciting matches of the year."

Granite City's Joe Scott won by fall at 145. Mike Grubbs lost by fall at 152 and Tony Buchek won by fall at 160. After Jeff Witter lost 2-1 at 171, Andy Richards and Chris Janek finished off the Longhorns with respective pins at 189 and 275.

Janek dominated his opponent, Frank Wilson, and won by fall at 1:55. The freshman heavyweight has fared strongly against bigger and older competition this season.

"The last couple matches, he's looked real good," Garland said. His confidence is going up. The potential's there if he keeps improving. It just depends on (See Matmen, Page 38)

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 3. Oakville (3)..... 56
 4. Hazelwood East (4)..... 48
 5. McCluer North (5)..... 37
 6. Howell North (6)..... 34
 7. Fox (7)..... 31
 8. Parkway Central (NR)..... 22
 9. Cahokia (9)..... 12
 10. (tie) Wentzville (9)..... 12
 11. (tie) Parkway South (9) 12

Park district to hold softball meeting

The Granite City Park District Women's Softball organizational meeting for 1993 will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Harold Brown Recreation Center at Franklin and Amos Ave. The meeting will be for managers from last year as well as for those who would like to manage this year.

For more information, call the Wilson Park Office at 877-9059.

Seniors, juniors combine to make tourney a success

When Bowland held its first New Year's senior/junior tournament Jan. 31, 44 senior citizens paired up with 44 juniors to make up a unique field. The tournament was divided into four divisions.

In the bantams division, Jerry Frost and Timmy Frost teamed up to roll a total score of 1132. Jerry rolled a 168 game and 445 series, and Timmy rolled a 179 game and 441 series.

In the preps division, Jerry Voorhees and Danny Riggs combined for a total winning score of 1114. Jerry rolled a 222 game and 540 series, and Danny rolled a 146 game and 343 series.

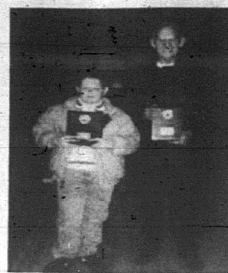
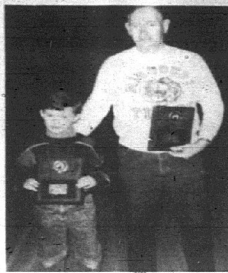
In the juniors division, Tom Wilson and Josh McCunney combined for a total of 1201. Tom rolled a 245 game and 657 series, while Josh rolled a 167 game and 454 series.

In the majors division, Buck Buchanan and Christy Cahill rolled a total score of 1296. Buck rolled a 231 game and 657 series, and Christy rolled a 181 game and 453 series.

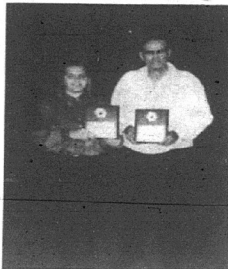
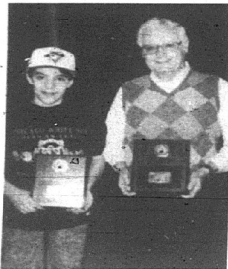
Other senior bowlers who competed were Faye Ryan, Les Skelly, Jim Paterson, Glenn Michaels, Del Miller, Chuck Stokes, Walter Ladonoski, Ben Pickler, Vanna Berkbigler, Charlie Mase, Harry Berkbigler, Bob Poole, Al Zigler, Clarence Aerne, June Aerne, Marion Tollman, Doris Votou, Marvin Choat, Bob Jackson, Ruth Lehne and Bern Flanigan.

The preps field included Jondalyn Coziar, Misty Clark, Joey Skinner, Matt Jackson, Stephen Hartzel, Shelly Pulaski, Christina Rother, Megan Lyerla, Brian Melson, Francis Davis, Gary Brooks, Joey Lehne and Chris Flanigan. Junior bowlers who competed were Shane Ryan, Kevin Clark, Ron Rinehart, David Hunter, Mark Hunter, Doug Mueller, Joey Byrd, Shannon Accord and Jennifer Milam.

The majors field included Keri Cahill, Paul Pulaski, Jeff Pittman, Lisa Daley, Timmy Skinner, Katherine Gregory, Wayne Hagopian, Eric Merz and Brian Choat.



Bowland recently held a tournament that allowed senior and junior bowlers to team up and compete for awards. At left, Timmy Frost (left) and Jerry Frost display their first-place plaques for winning the bantam division. They rolled a total score of 1132. At right, Danny Riggs (left) and Jerry Voorhees show off their first-place plaques for winning the preps division. They posted a total score of 1114.



At left, juniors division bowlers Josh McCunney (left) and Tom Wilson display their first-place plaques. McCunney and Wilson rolled a total score of 1201. At right, Christy Cahill and Buck Buchanan display the first-place plaques they won in the majors division. Cahill and Buchanan rolled a total score of 1296.

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Madison cage team prepares to kick off Belleville E. tourney

The Madison Trojans will kick off the 25th annual Belleville East Invitational on Tuesday with a first-round game at 7 p.m. against Althoff. The Trojans were 6-3 before Friday night's game at Pittsfield and Saturday's game at home against East St. Louis. Carbondale is the top-seeded team in the eight-team field. The tournament concludes Saturday.

•Matmen

(Continued from Page 1B)

when he blossoms."

Granite City had the weekend off and will return to the mat Friday at the Hazelwood Central quadrangular meet. The other teams in the meet are Roxana and Wentzville.

Garland is eager to compete against Wentzville, one of the top small-school teams in Missouri.

"We'll get a good challenge next week," Garland said.

The Warriors will then attempt to defend their Southwestern Conference title Saturday, depending on what Collinsville does against Belleville East on Thursday. Granite City and Collinsville are the only undefeated conference teams left.

Granite City will wrestle Collinsville, Triad and Jerseyville on Saturday.

"It would be nice if Belleville East could knock (Collinsville), but we want to go in there having to win," Garland said.

After the conference title is decided, the Warriors will gear up for the last few duals of the month and then February.

At the beginning of the season, I looked like the Warriors would be hard-pressed to get back to state as a team. Now, there seems to be a definite chance. The Warriors will close the regular season with a showdown against Cahokia in a triangular meet at Murphysboro on Jan. 30.

Garland said several factors have contributed to the Warriors' success this year.

25th Annual Belleville East Invitational			
First Round, Tuesday, Jan. 19			
Game 1: Althoff vs. MADISON	7 p.m.		
Game 2: Belleville East vs. McClure	8:30 p.m.		
First Round, Wednesday, Jan. 20			
Game 3: Carbondale vs. Cahokia	7 p.m.		
Game 4: Belleville West vs. OT Alton	8:30 p.m.		
Second Round, Thursday, Jan. 21			
Game 5: Loser Game 1 vs. Loser Game 2	7 p.m.		
Game 6: Winner Game 1 vs. Winner Game 2	8:30 p.m.		
Second Round, Friday, Jan. 22			
Game 7: Loser Game 3 vs. Loser Game 4	7 p.m.		
Game 8: Winner Game 3 vs. Winner Game 4	8:30 p.m.		
Third Round, Saturday, Jan. 23			
Game 9: Consolation championship - Winner Game 5 vs. Winner Game 7	5:30 p.m.		
Game 10: Third place - Loser Game 6 vs. Loser Game 8	7 p.m.		
Game 11: Championship - Winner Game 6 vs. Winner Game 8	8:30 p.m.		

"We've been working very hard in practice," Garland said. "If you talk to the kids, they'd probably say it wasn't an easy week."

"Granite City kids are tough, and that's why I really enjoy

coaching here. They're hard-nosed, and that is something you can't teach. It's also a credit to the junior high programs. We try to finish off the product, refine it a little bit."



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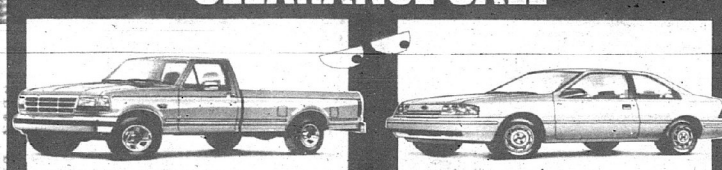
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Girls

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bench in the last few games. "The freshman (McMillian) really came through tonight and that's really encouraging," Lobb said. "We need to show the teams we face that they may shut one of us down, but they can't shut us all down."

"Denise has really come on strong for us in the last few games, and though we knew she was going to be a good player coming into the season, we didn't expect her to show the kind of poise she has at such an early stage."

McMillian scored 10 points in the contest. Jamie Cavaness led all scorers with 25 points.

Granite City's next game is Friday at Belleville West. They were going for their sixth straight win against Brussels on Saturday in a makeup game from Jan. 9.

Softball league to meet this week

Granite City Steel Softball Association registration will be held 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Kilo's. Men's and women's leagues are available Monday through Friday. For more information on the GCSSA, call Ray Hunter at 931-5634 or Tim Morley at 876-7745.

Cagers

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Wilson in from the bench later in the game. "I think the changes helped," McAfoos said. "The kids who

came in off the bench really got the job done."

Granite City was led by junior Larry Mosby's 22 points, while senior Steve Rains scored 14 and sophomore Pat Curry added 11.

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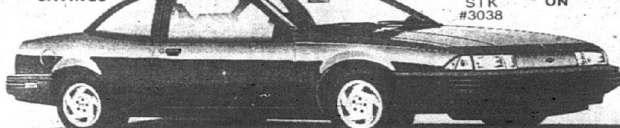
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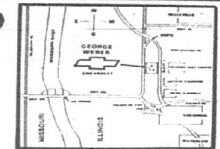
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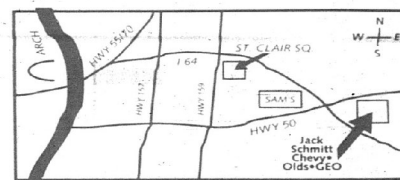
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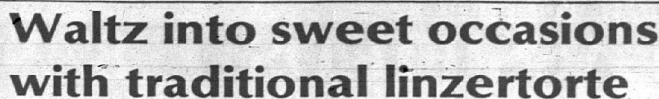


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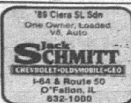
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Grandson's words among Menees' dearest treasures

By Harry Hamm
Correspondent

Early in the evening of Jan. 6, Charlie Menees, the 76-year-old ambassador of jazz, lay quietly in the cardiac intensive care unit of Missouri Baptist Hospital.

He had been stricken by a heart attack the previous Saturday night while doing his regular radio show on KMOX-AM (120).

Menees' wife of 49 years, Mary Kay, had given him a small radio with headphones early that day "to quiet him down," she recalls. It had worked until one of his six grandchildren, 10-year-old Bobby, came in to pay his grandfather a visit.

If any other endeavor — other than jazz — was capable of being called a passion for Charlie Menees, it was writing. Menees considered himself a wordsmith, and he loved to read. He enjoyed nothing more than pulling out his favorite old Smith-Corona and spending hours putting together the best pieces he could muster.

Menees started writing as a newspaper reporter and columnist in the early 1940s. In 1962, he became editor of an employee newsletter, at McDonnell Douglas and remained in that position until 1979, when he retired.

So it was a moment of surprise and pride for Charlie when Bobby blurted out at the hospital, "Grandpa, I've decided I want to be a journalist like you."

"All of a sudden, even though it had looked like he was sleeping, Charlie rose up on his elbows in bed," Mary Kay Menees said. "Charlie launched

into a short speech to Bobby, telling him about the importance of things like credibility and honesty if he was going to be a writer and how he must always be a perfectionist and do the very best work he was capable of doing.

"Then he just passed back into the bed and became quiet again."

Charlie's short instruction to his grandson would be among his final words to anyone. He died less than 48 hours later at 3:55 a.m. Jan. 8.

Charlie once told me over breakfast at the old Schnuck's Station restaurant in Kirkwood that he felt he had been blessed in life two ways.

First, he was able to devote a good portion of his life to his most passionate attachment, music. Charlie even loved classic opera.

Second, Charlie said he had been born at exactly the right time. His adult years had taken him right through the heydays of jazz and the golden nights of the big band era.

"Some people are born at the wrong time," Menees said. "I'm convinced of that. I couldn't have picked a better time to be around."

"I can remember when we were first married, Mary Kay Menees said. "I was very innocent and used to look over at Charlie in bed, sound asleep with copies of sheet music or articles about music on his chest. I honestly used to ask myself, 'Do all men go to bed that way every night?'"

Up until the age of 15, Charlie was a bit of an athlete, as well as a music lover.

But a debilitating bone disease, which was to be a lifelong challenge, entered his life at

that point. Charlie channeled all his energies into music. He assembled a band called "Charlie Menees and his Virginia Aces." They became popular entertainment around Charlie's hometown of Virginia, Ill., only a stone's throw from Springfield. The band members got one dollar a night. Charlie played the drums and the trombone.

He treasured the early memories of his love for music. He remembered winding up his grandmother's old Victrola for her and buying his very first record, "Three Little Words," by Bing Crosby.

Charlie received many honors over the years for his tireless work in the fields of music appreciation and education. His last was an honorary doctorate from Illinois College in November 1991. He shared the stage that day with another honoree, Jack Buck.

But Charlie's most valued honor was one few people knew about. It happened on March 14, 1991.

On that day, grandson Bobby wrote a paragraph in school titled, "The Person I Most Admire — And Why." Here's what it said.

"The person I most admire is my Grandpa, Charlie Menees. He is a newspaper writer, a musician, and he has a show on radio. He knows as much about jazz as anyone in the United States. My Grandpa has done all this even though he had a bone disease when he was a teenager, and now he walks with two canes. His legs hurt a lot but he is still happy because he stays busy. He is nice to everyone. Sometimes he cries when he is proud of me. I am proud of him too."

TV/Radio review

WIL ranks No. 1 in adult age group; Ratings reflect changes in audiences

Radio ratings in the St. Louis market are starting to take on a funny look. For the second rating period in a row KMOX-AM (120) is not on top of the numbers with an important part of the audience. And this time, it is apparently the surge of interest in country music which has done it.

As even casual followers of the radio market probably know, CBS-owned KMOX is one of the plant stations in the country and has a stranglehold on the audience here — usually all the dominance, all the time. But its dominance among listeners ages 25 to 54 seems to be slipping.

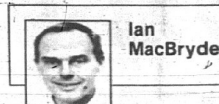
According to the latest numbers from Arbitron, country station WIL-FM (92.3) attracted the largest segment of the audience with KMOX second and rocker KSTZ-FM (94.7) third. The ratings period covers Sept. 24 through Dec. 16. WIL's increase in the audience segment for the period was 31 percent.

The ages 25 to 54 demographic, by the way, is considered to be very important to most advertisers. But KMOX, the audience for which tilts a little older than for most stations anyway, sells very hard on the 35 and up audience.

WIL was not the only country station to make a serious move. WKXX-FM (104.1) increased its audience share of that age group by 36 percent.

KMOX, by the way, easily held its lead in overall audience — that's ages 12-plus — with a 15.3 share while WIL's second place was 10.0.

A little farther down the list "soft-rock" KEZK-FM (102.5) made the largest increase of all, with a 23 percent increase in



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overall audience to finish fifth on that list, and a 48 percent gain among listeners ages 25 to 54 to finish fourth (up from eighth in the last rating period).

This follows a couple of wild years for KEZK which saw it abandon an "easy listening" format which had it second overall at the beginning of 1991. There followed some serious audience losses and occasional less impressive gains. But the most recent jump — which follows a heavy advertising campaign — returns the station almost to the levels it had with "elevator music." Ironically, the station still has not regained all of the audience it had in the ages 25 to 54 bracket. The change to the soft adult contemporary format two years ago was designed, according to station people, to attract a younger audience.

Incidentally, the KEZK audience gain coincides with significant losses for the Fox stations which program a similar format. In the recent book moving from fifth to third with the ages 25 to 54 audience.

KSHZ lost 26 percent of its ages 25 to 54 morning drive audience, and KSD-FM (93.7) fell from fourth to seventh place in the same division.

Here's a ratings story for you. A Los Angeles station went from 21st place in that huge market to

first — in just one rating book of three months. Station management apparently changed everything at KLA-X, including the call letters, the on-air people and management up to the general manager.

The new format is "bansa," a form of dance music very hot with L.A.'s Mexican-American population. It's probably not a threat to go big here, but you can be sure that somewhere, some station owner is musing "Hmmm, fired everyone and started over, huh? Hnnnnnnnn."

A talent for joking

According to published reports freshman Congressman Jim Talent, R-Chesterfield, was the victim of a practical joke in his first days in Washington, D.C. Some reporters from Spy magazine, apparently posing as radio talk show hosts, apparently called Talent and asked him a series of questions including his attitude toward "ethnic cleansing in Fredonia." Fredonia is a fictitious country from "Duck Soup," a Marx Brothers movie.

Talent, responding perhaps to what he thought was another informed media question, answered the question as if it had been asked about Bosnia where "ethnic cleansing" is being practiced. In defense of Talent it's fair to assume that he has heard a lot of questions from reporters which were not well formed, and likely, he has kindly ignored the flaws in the questions and answered them as best he could.

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Community Choral at SIUE begins rehearsal on Tuesdays

The Community Choral Society of Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville has begun rehearsals for the winter quarter, meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays in Room 1029 of the SIUE Communications Building.

According to SIUE Music Professor Leonard Van Camp, who directs the choral group, anyone who enjoys singing is welcome to join the Society.

Current efforts are being directed at rehearsing for a concert March 8 with the theme of "Choral Music in America: 1890s-1990s."

The concert will feature works of Charles Ives, Samuel Barber and Aaron Copland, to name just a few.

Joining the Society in the concert will be the SIUE Concert Choral and the University Sing-

ers.

Dues for the Choral Society are \$15 annually, or for any portion of the season, Van Camp said, while married couples pay \$25 annually.

In addition, members must purchase their own music and provide their own costumes for concerts.

For more information, call 692-3900, or 692-2024.

Arts summer program offered at ISU

High school students from every region of the state who are interested in creative writing, media arts, movement and dance, music, theater or visual art can apply now to the Illinois Summer School for the Arts.

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